

# **Thousands of UF students' private records breached online**

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The private records of 11,300 current and former University of Florida students — including names, addresses and Social Security numbers — were inadvertently made publicly accessible online.

The information was posted online between 2003 to 2005, but remained online because of an error until it was discovered during a recent routine audit, according to a UF news release. The information was used when former student employees of the Office for Academic Support and Institutional Service, or OASIS, program created online records of students participating in the program.

Students posted the information online so that they could work with it from remote locations, but failed to install security measures to keep others from accessing it.

Students who were enrolled in College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from 2003 to 2005 and did not receive a notification but believe their information might have been compromised can call UF's Privacy Office Hotline at (866) 876-4472 or go to <http://privacy.ufl.edu> and read the information posted there before calling the privacy hotline.