

## What is Export Control? What are the penalties for violating it?

"Export Control" is a catch all term that covers how the US prevents the unintended export of goods, information or services from the United States (or US entities) to foreign entities. These laws are administered by various agencies within the federal government, but the major enforcement agencies affecting Florida Tech are the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls ([DDTC](#)- falls under the Department of State), the Bureau of Industry and Security ([BIS](#)- falls under the Department of Commerce), and the Office of Foreign Asset Control ([OFAC](#)- falls under the Department of the Treasury). Each one of these agencies administer a different "piece" of export control, and there may be some overlap between the agencies.

BIS- Administers the EAR- [Export Administration Regulation](#). This body of law has more of an economic/trade focus, and covers much of what Florida Tech encounters.

DDTC- Administers the ITAR- [International Traffic in Arms Regulation](#). This body of law has a more military focus, and does occasionally interact with Florida Tech projects.

OFAC- Administers [US government sanctions programs](#) and the [Specially Designated Nationals list](#). This body of law is focused more on countries, specific people, and organizations/entities that are banned from doing business with US companies/persons/organizations/entities without a license.

Exports can take the form of actually shipping/bringing something overseas to exposing it to a foreign person here.

Export Controls:

- Restrict the use of, and access to, certain sensitive or controlled technical information, materials and technology for reasons of national security or protection of trade.

- Are designed to ensure sensitive information, technology, software, biological and chemical agents, equipment, and know-how are not employed for purposes other than intended use.

- Restrict financial transactions and services to certain restricted entities (individuals, companies, government, etc.)

- Restrictions are to foreign persons dependent on subject in question and relevant regulations.

Who and what do Export Controls apply to?

FIT and all faculty, staff, students, visitors, and volunteers must co

