Do you have too much stuff?
We can help you with your stuff!
MSU Archives

Everything you need is on our website!

- Our contact information
- Information about the University Records Center
The University Archives maintains both

- **MSU Archives**: the official repository of the records of Minnesota State University, Mankato. The Archives contains records from the creation of the Mankato State Normal School in 1868 to the present. Ownership of these records have been transferred to the University Archives and are made available to researchers.

- **University Records Center**: the secure storage site of temporary records. While these records are still owned by the department, they are subject to future destruction and not available to the public.
What is the MSU Archives?

- Located in the Memorial Library, 2nd floor
- Maintains the permanent records of the University.
- Is open to researchers, faculty/staff, students, alumni, and the general public.
- Items cannot be checked out.
- Once items are transferred by a department they are no longer “owned” by the department.
What is the University Records Center?

- a secure
- remote storage facility
- located in the Taylor Center basement
- for the temporary storage of University records.
Ready for your pop quiz?

1. Which facility is for public researchers that can review documents generated by your department? *University Archives*

2. Which site is a secure storage center that does not allow visitors? *University Records Center*

3. Which location destroys records every year according to retention schedules and destruction dates? *University Records Center*

4. Which place does not allow any materials to be checked out? *University Archives*
Where do I start?

Review the MSU retention schedule!

It is your guide for

- What to keep
- How long to keep it
- Where is the best place to for my stuff?
How do I transfer my records to the University Records Center?

- Identify records to transfer
- Visit our website for instructions on how to transfer your records.
- Complete the Records Center Transfer form found on our website
- Provide the MSU Archives with the Records Center Transfer form electronically, via email attachment.
Packing Tips

- Print 2 Records Center Transfer forms; one to accompany the transferred boxes, one for your records.

- Pack records in approved records boxes available for purchase.

- Number the boxes to be transferred, ex. 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3.

- Email archives@mnsu.edu with your attached transfer form for a records pick-up.
Wait! How can I get some of my stuff back?

- Fill out and submit a retrieval request
- Send us an email with all of the details
- We need your requests in writing. No phone calls please, unless...
What Happens to my stuff when it’s time to dispose of it?

- You will receive a Certificate of Destruction from the MSU Archives.
- Review the certificate; make changes as needed, sign and return.
- The MSU Archives will oversee all disposition of records by the current MSU contracted shredding company.
Records Management Services offered by the University Archives

- Advise on filing and storage options
- Maintain campus retention schedules
- Store records in the University Records Center
- Retrieve individual boxes/folders stored in Records Center
- When appropriate, destroy/dispose of materials
Who to Contact

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