DePaul University Archives - Records Transfer Procedures

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Step 1: Prepare Paper* Records for Transfer

a. Use standard record cartons for transferring records.
b. When placing files in cartons, leave them in the same order that they were in within your filing cabinet or on your shelf.
c. Leave files in their original folders or binders, unless files are in hanging folders with metal “arms.” Please place these files in regular manila folders.
d. Fill one box completely before using another one. Use paper to separate different categories of records: for example, after filing meeting minutes in the box, insert a blank piece of paper before placing annual reports in the same box.
e. If you are transferring multiple boxes, provide each box with a unique number.
f. Attach a label to each box with the following information, or contact the Archivist for a label template.

From: [Department/Office Name]
[Name of person who packed and is sending boxes]
To: 3rd floor of the LPC Library; University Archives
Box #: [number of this box] of: [total number of boxes]
Date sent:

*If you have electronic files you need to transfer to the Archives, please contact the University Archivist.

Step 2: Fill Out Transfer Form

Records received without proper documentation may be refused by the Archives.

a. Provide all information requested on the form, including contact information and information about your records, and Disposition Preference, highlighted in red.
b. Whenever possible, provide a list of all files within each box, including date ranges for each file.
c. Place one copy of the Records Transfer Form in the first box of your transfer.
d. Make a copy of the full transfer form for your own records.
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Step 5: Arrange for physical transfer of boxes to University Archives

a. Records in boxes can be sent through Inter Campus Mail when Distribution Services picks up your departmental mail.
b. If you have a large quantity of boxes and Distribution Services will not pick them up, please submit a work order to Facility Operations to move the boxes to University Archives. List the number of boxes and their destination on the work order.

Step 6: Notify University Archives

a. When boxes have been picked up for delivery to University Archives, send an email, with a copy of the transmittal form and list of contents to: Andrea Bainbridge at abainbri@depaul.edu.