Creating and Sending Boxes to the State Records Center

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| How do I send records offsite to the State Records Center for inactive storage? |
| 1. Get access if you don't already have it. You will need to know your UDDS billing number and what record series you will be submitting records under. The link to the University Record schedules is [https://www.library.wisc.edu/archives/records-management/retention-disposition/](https://www.library.wisc.edu/archives/records-management/retention-disposition/) |

| 2. Once you have access to the State Records Center Versatile Application, pack your boxes with the folders that pertain to that record series. Do not mix record series. For example if you have undergraduate student records pack them by year alphabetically. This can be done at the end of each academic year. The department should make the decision and document the decision of how long paper records will be kept onsite and then sent out to the SRC to complete the retention period. |

| 3. Create an inventory of the folders in the box. Place a copy in the box and keep a copy for the department include the User Box Number. This inventory can be copied and pasted from the list into the description field in Versatile. |

| 4. A User Box Number: is a unique number that the department assigns consecutively to identify the box and is entered in Versatile when creating the box. This is a department record to keep track of boxes that have been sent out to the SRC. Create a list of eligible User Box Numbers on a spreadsheet for the department to use and assign numbers as boxes are created for submission. These number should not duplicated. |

| 5. Login into Versatile and create each box for submission. |

| 6. Assign the record series when creating the box within the Versatile application. Under Creation: Enter the required information. When you get to Record Series click on the list icon to get to the schedules, not the one with the flashlight Icon. This will bring up the screen with the schedule to choose from. This is the list icon. See diagram’s on back. |

| 7. Enter the dates of the contents of the box. |
| - The From Date is the earliest dated folder in the box |
| - The To Date which is the latest date in the box. |
| - The Event Date will be the same as the To Date in most cases based off the retention schedule. |

| 8. Once the box is completed hit Enter to submit the box and receive a label. |

| 9. Keep the word description of the box with the SRC user number included together with the SRC Box number information to make it easier to identify and find content and boxes. |

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Creation of a box in Versatile and finding the associated record series

At the **GLOBAL** level you will find all the UWSA record series. All university approved schedules begin with a UW. **NOTE: At this level find the record series that begin with a UW. All of the state’s record series are kept at this level so be careful and scroll way down to the UW record series.** Check the Record Schedule first to know which records series number you will need. At the **COMPANY** Level are UW Madison Schedules, such as the Student Record Schedule. At the **DEPARTMENT** Level are the Unique Records Series that a department or unit. The example below demonstrates the sections to be completed.

**NOTICE:** If more than one box is needed for the content, the dates should be the same on all boxes and marked 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3 in the description. An example would be a closed research study should be kept together but may need several boxes.