

Student Record Retention Guidelines Effective April 1, 2021

These guidelines serve to provide guidance to university staff and faculty regarding the retention of student records. The retention periods indicated below are based on recommendations made by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

The scope of these guidelines includes all student records in any physical or electronic manifestation in the passion of the university or its contractors. Records that are no longer to be retained shall be disposed of in an irreversible manner such that the information cannot be recovered. The Technology and Learning Resource Center Services (TLS) department can assist with the disposal of electronic student records.

Academic Program/Faculty Maintained Records		
Record Title	Retention Period	
graded coursework, exams, grade appeals, faculty gradebooks	1 year after course completion	
academic program records; committee on academic progress records	3 years after graduation	

Admissions Records		
Record Title	Retention Period	
application and admissions materials (for students who do not enroll)	1 year after application term	
application and admissions materials (for students who enroll)	3 years after graduation	

Financial Aid Records		
Record Title	Retention Period	
promissory notes	until loan is satisfied	
all other financial aid related records	3 years after award year	

Registrar Records		
Record Title	Retention Period	
class rosters, grade sheets, transcripts, dismissals (academic or judicial), student demographic data; FERPA records	permanent	
all other records	3 years after graduation	