

BASIC VIDEO EDITING TIPS
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1. Keep it simple—if you know how to do more than basic editing, that's fine, but there is no reason to stress out about the process.
2. You may have a built-in video editor on your computer, such as iMovie, Windows Movie Maker, or the like.
 - a. These are basic editors that will let you stitch clips together, add titles, add transitions, and adjust audio levels.
3. If you have a Mac, use iMovie. It comes with most new Macs.
4. If you have a Windows machine, use Movie Maker—it can be downloaded for free from Microsoft.com.
5. There are many other software programs available to choose from...too many to make any recommendations, as they vary in skill level, price, and available functions.

STANDARD PROCESS STEPS

1. **IMPORT VIDEO CLIPS:** You must import your video clips into your video editor first—you may be able to drag and drop them or use the menus to find the Import command.
2. **SAVE PROJECT:** Before you begin editing, save your project using your name and assignment in the title (SmithBetty_Assignment1, for example).
3. **DRAG CLIPS TO TIMELINE:** Once imported, you will drag and drop clips to the timeline, in the order you want them. The timeline is where you can make edits, add titles, etc.
 - a. If you need training on how to use your video editing software, ISU has InLearning (formerly Lynda.com). Find this in Sign Ons on the ISU home page.
 - b. Search in InLearning for the software program you wish to learn.
4. **KEEP SAVING:** Save your project as you go, especially after editing is complete!
5. **PRODUCE YOUR FINISHED VIDEO:** When finished editing, you must publish/produce your video as an .mp4.
 - a. The software likely has default settings, which should make it easy for you.
6. **UPLOAD:** Once produced, you must upload it into your Studio folder in Canvas (see how to use Studio for Students).
7. **LINK:** After uploading, you must then link to your video from the assignment page.