



Creating Recordings for Your Students: Capturing Standalone Video or Audio

If you have a smartphone with a video camera or a webcam, you can create audio or video resources for your students. For example, you can:

- Take video whenever you visit a location that is related to your topic of study and discuss a few relevant points
- Conduct interviews
- Record welcome messages or reminders for your students

These tools can be used to capture video or audio:

Method	What is captured?	What do you need?	Where can you find it?	Other useful info
Video from webcam, smartphone camera or other recorder posted to YouTube 	Video Audio	Webcam or video recorder Optional accessories: <i>Tripod: If your videos look shaky, this will help. They likely make tripods for your device.</i> <i>External microphone: Adding an external mic will boost your sound quality.</i>	Webcam recordings Starting in Spring 2013, YouTube recording is integrated into Blackboard's Text Editor, so you don't need to leave your course to record video for your students. (Screenshot) Smartphone and Video Recorders You can upload the resulting video to YouTube.	These guides review how to embed your YouTube content in Blackboard (video) (PDF). You may also want to consider using video editing software to clean up your videos. (Learn more about editing here.)
Audio-only content recorded by Audacity and posted to Blackboard 	Audio	Microphone	Audacity: free software download	Visuals are not always needed. If you have a short message, a compelling story, or an interesting speaker, audio-only recordings are a good option. Check out this guide to Audacity (PDF).

If you need any help selecting or using these tools, contact the Instructional Design team: idteam@lasalle.edu.