

# Recording Directly to Connect With Your Computer and a Webcam

McGraw-Hill Education's CONNECT for the following titles:

*Public Speaking Matters*, 1<sup>st</sup> ed., by Kory Floyd  
*Interpersonal Communication*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., by Kory Floyd  
*Experience Communication*, 1<sup>st</sup> ed., by Jeffrey Child  
*Introduction to Mass Communication*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed. by Stanley Baran  
*Human Communication*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., by Judy Pearson

You can record your video directly onto Connect with a webcam attached to your desktop or laptop computer. This capability is not available on tablet devices or phones.

Before you record directly to Connect with your computer:

- Make sure that your instructor will accept a video recorded this way; some will not allow it.
- Install your webcam, or double-check that it is already installed and operating.
- Ensure your internet connection is solid. The last thing you want is for your internet to flake out in the middle of your speech, forcing you to start over completely!
- Read through these instructions and do a test recording before delivering your speech so that you fully understand all of the steps. If you do not follow these exact steps, your video may not be saved, and you will have to re-do your speech.

Here's how to record directly to Connect:

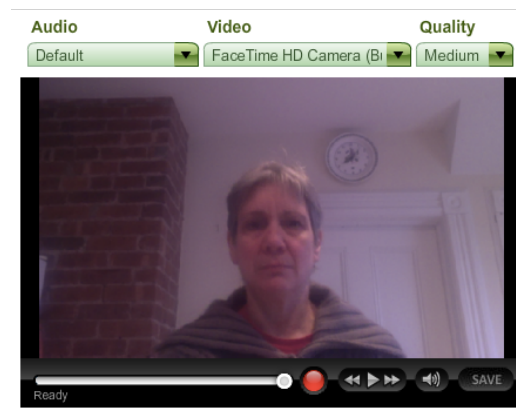
1. Find your speech assignment in Connect or in your school's Learning Management System and click on it. Read instructions and then click "Begin." Click "Record a video."

The screenshot shows the McGraw-Hill Education Connect interface for a video assignment. At the top, the title is "Floyd Public Speaking Matters 1 - Section1" with navigation links for "Help", "Save & Exit", and "Submit". Below the title, it says "Simple In Class" and "Due: 08/17/15 11:59 pm EDT" with "Points: 100" and a link to "View evaluation criteria". There is an "Instructions:" dropdown menu. Below it are two buttons: "Upload a video" and "Record a video", with a red arrow pointing to the "Record a video" button. A note states: "Compressing large video files (above 100 MB) before uploading may save you time." Below this is a dashed box containing a "Drop files here" area with a cloud icon and a "Choose files" button. At the bottom, there is an "Add details" section with a "Video title (required):" label and an empty text input field. A "(500mb max)" label is positioned at the bottom right of the dashed box.

2. Click “Allow” in the Adobe Flash Player Settings box so that your video and audio will be recorded.



3. Select the quality. Medium is a good choice.
4. Once you see yourself in the recording area, click the red button at the bottom of the recorder to start the recording. Relax and start your speech.



5. When you are done with your speech, click the red button again to stop the recording.
6. Then, be sure to click the “Save” button to save your recording.



7. Your video will then load into Connect. This may take a few minutes.
8. You should see your video once it’s been uploaded. **Play the video to verify that it plays properly.**

9. Scroll down the page and enter a video title and (optionally) a description. You can also upload any other related materials your teacher might have requested (an outline or PowerPoint, for example).
10. Click the blue "Submit" link at the top of the page when you are ready for the instructor to view and grade your speech. You will be asked to confirm that you want to submit; click the blue button to confirm.



11. If your instructor has assigned a self-review for this video, you will be automatically navigated to the self-evaluation page. Be sure to complete that portion of the assignment, too! When you are done working on your self-review, click the blue "Submit."

**If you have difficulties:**

1. Make sure you are following every step exactly as documented here.
2. Double-check your internet connection. The signal has to be strong to handle video recording. If necessary, turn off any streaming videos or music that might be using up some of your internet bandwidth.
3. If all else fails, contact our Customer Experience (CXG) team:

**Customer Experience Group (CXG)**

Sun: 11am – 1am

Mon-Thurs: 7am – 3am

Fri: 7am - 8pm

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800-331-5094 (U.S. and Canada only)

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