

# Using an iPad For Your Video Submission Assignment

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*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

See the four steps below to get a video prepared and uploaded to Connect.

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## STEP 1: Adjust Your iPad Settings

Before using your iPad to record a video for your Connect assignment, lower the recording resolution:

- Open the **Settings** app
- Select “Photos & Camera”
- Select “Record Video”
- Change the preferred resolution to 720p HD at 30 fps

Note: If you did not change the video settings before recording your speech, see [STEP 3](#) below to learn how to convert your video file to a smaller size.

## STEP 2: Record Your Video

Set up your iPad so that your video will appear in its proper orientation. If you do not position your device properly, your video may display sideways or even upside down when viewed online.

- When using the camera on the back of the iPad, orient the device horizontally – with the Home button positioned on the RIGHT side.
- If using the front-facing camera (so that the iPad mirrors you speaking), position the device horizontally with the Home button on the LEFT side of the iPad

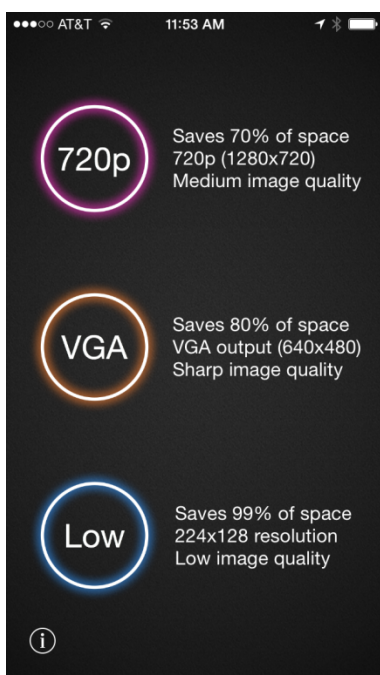
### STEP 3: Prepare Your Video for Uploading to Connect

You can upload your video directly from your iPad, but first you may want to consider compressing it.

- **If the video on your iPad is just a few minutes in length and you adjusted the resolution as described in Step 1 prior to recording**, you probably do not need to compress it. Go to [Step 4](#).
- **If your video is over 5 minutes in length**, you may save time if you compress the video, using the **Video Compressor** app (see [Compressing Your Video Using an App on Your iPad](#) below). Then go to [Step 4](#).

#### *Compressing Your Video Using an App on Your iPad*

First, search in the Apple app store for “Video Compressor,” then “Get” it for your iPhone.



When the Video Compressor app is installed, open it. You will see a screen like the one at left.

Tap **LOW**. This setting will compress your video so that it is as small as possible for uploading. The quality of the compressed video should not be significantly altered from your original when it is played online. The video will compress.

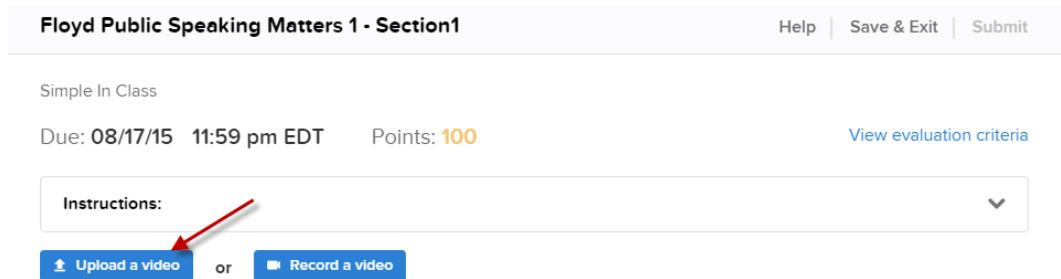
You are ready for [Step 4](#).

Note that the Video Compressor app will not handle videos that are longer than 10 minutes. There is a similar app in the App Store that appears to handle longer videos – Try the app labeled “Video Compressor – Shrink Videos.”

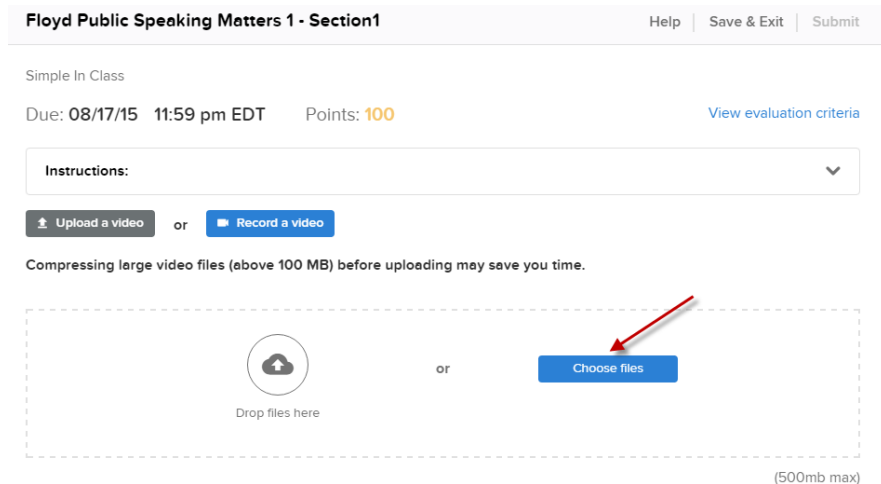
### STEP 4: Upload Your Video to Connect

Before you upload a video from your iPad, go to Settings for your iPad, select General, and set Auto-Lock to “Never.” This will prevent your iPad from “going to sleep” in the middle of the upload. If the iPad goes to sleep during the upload, the upload will not complete.

1. Using either the MHE Connect app or the Safari browser on your iPad, log in to Connect.
2. Find your speech assignment and tap on it. Read instructions from your instructor and then tap “Begin.” Tap Upload a video.

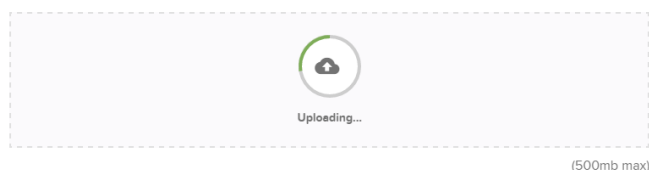


3. Tap “Choose File,” browse to find your video. When you select the file, uploading will start.

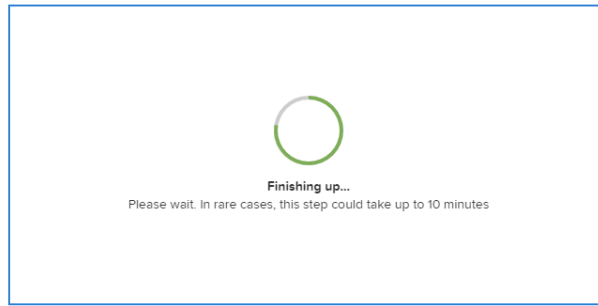


4. Wait as your video is uploaded and then encoded. \*

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5. You should see your video when the process is finished. **Play the video to make sure you have uploaded the correct file and to verify that it plays properly.**
6. Scroll down the page and enter a video title and (optionally) a description. If you are submitting this assignment from a computer, you can also upload any other related materials your teacher might have requested (an outline or PowerPoint, for example).
7. Tap 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; tap the blue button to confirm.



8. 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, tap the blue “Submit.”

### **How long will it take to upload a video to Connect?**

If your video file is 100 MB or smaller, the uploading portion of the process should take less than 10 minutes. The smaller the file, the less time it will take for the video to upload.

The second part of the process, encoding (or “finishing up”), should also require no more than 10 minutes. What’s going on behind the scenes is that your video is being put in a queue to be encoded for display online. If you wait longer than 10 minutes for encoding to complete, it may be a very busy time with many people uploading videos. If you can, you may want to exit and try again at a later time.

**If you find the uploading portion of the process is taking longer than 10 minutes:**

1. Did you compress the video? If not, see [Compressing Your Video Using an App on Your iPad](#).
2. If you did compress the video, and it is still taking an unreasonable amount of time, verify that your wifi is working properly, Do not attempt to use your phone's data plan to upload to Connect. You might also try shutting down any streaming music or videos that may be using the same Internet access point. If possible, try another location.
3. If all else fails, contact our Customer Experience (CXG) team. They will work with you and may be able to upload it on your behalf.

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