



Teaching and Tools presents: Adding a Video Introduction to Canvas

A smartphone literally puts powerful technologies in the palm of your hand. By accessing the camera and browser, you can record a video and upload it to a Canvas course. It's simple, yet enhances your online presence significantly.

The prep work:

- Create the space in Canvas where you want to house the video. I recommend placing it on your course home page.
- Think about your purpose and your audience. Let those two factors shape what you intend to say, how you will say it, and your location.

The rest of the process:

1. Use your phone to record a short video.
2. Record a couple takes.
3. Decide which version you want to use.
4. Open your phone's browser and navigate to your Canvas course.
5. Choose the **Edit** option on the page you prepared.
6. Place the cursor where you want the video to appear and click on the **media button** (it looks like a movie frame).
7. Click on the **Upload Media** tab, then choose your file from your phone.
8. When the upload is complete, **Save** your changes to the Canvas page.

It's that easy! Videos can keep your students engaged, and they also let your personality shine. For more topics on teaching and learning, check out the CTT blog at <http://ctt.evccblogs.com/>