

Video Editing Computers and Adobe Premier
Communications Graphics II
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After you have shot your video, take it to one of the computers in the video room. Turn on the computer, monitor, speakers, TV monitor, SVCR, and Mackey board. Start up Adobe Premier. Put video of footage in the SVCR.

Create a new folder on the desktop and label it the title of your video.

First, save your new project in the folder you created. Title it the same as your whole video title. (NOTE: This will be the file that keeps track of all your video clips for easy access.) Go to File, then Capture, then Movie Capture. The TV monitor should freak out and a little record button will appear on the computer monitor. Press play on the SVCR *THEN* press the record button. (NOTE: It will not work any other way.) The monitor should turn blue with a little image of the video playing in the center. (NOTE: The capture feature will only record a certain length of video, around 30 seconds.) After the clip is finished playing, click the mouse or press escape. A window pops up, supposedly playing your clip. Ignore it and close, but click save. Put it in the folder you created. Then go to File, Import, File. Click on the clip you created and click Import. This will move the clip to your project file. It should appear in the left part of the screen. This is your project “bin.” Double click on the file and it should appear on the LEFT of the two blank screens on your computer monitor. Repeat these steps until your entire video (broken up into “cuts” or clips) is in your project bin. It is a good idea to put several takes of the same scene in one clip, because it will be easier to cut later.

After you have imported all your clips, you are ready to move them to the timeline and piece them together. On the bottom left corner of the timeline, there is a little feature that will say something like “1 second” or “4 frames.” The lower this number is, the more space the footage on the timeline is going to take up. Adjusting this feature makes it easier to cut. To start out, try 1-4 seconds. This makes clips fairly large but still doesn’t take up too much space. Move your mouse to the icon next to the file name of the clip you wish to come first until the pointer becomes a hand. Click and drag to the Video 1a slot and let go when it snaps in the far left of the timeline.

To cut parts of the clip you do not wish appearing in the video, click on the ruler bar on the timeline, and drag it through your clip until it’s past the part you want to cut. There are also frame buttons on the two screens which will aid you. (NOTE: I will not go in depth on this subject, so look it up in the book.) Move the mouse to the end of the clip until it turns into two arrows facing away from each other and a red bar going down the center. Click and drag until it snaps in place with the line you stopped at, and let go. The unneeded footage is now gone from the timeline. (NOTE: If you decide you wanted that stuff after all, delete the clip from the timeline and drag the same one from the project bin. This means you must start that clip over.)

After you are satisfied with the first clip, click the second clip and drag it to the Video 1b slot (NOTE: It is easier to cut this way and leaves room for transitions if you wish to add them.) until it snaps behind the first clip and let go. Repeat the cutting process with the second clip that you did with the first.

ALWAYS SAVE AFTER EVERY DETAIL YOU CHANGE! IT’S WORTH IT.

Alternate between Video 1a and Video 1b until you have your film. Look up transitions in the book if you wish to add them. At this time the advanced photography class has not figured out how to add transitions to the finished video, so maybe future generations will figure that out.

Before you record your film to a new video, look at the little row of switches on the SVCR. If the input switch is on S-Video and NOT Line. Look at the TV monitor and make sure it is set to Video 2.

Click the ruler bar at the beginning of the film. Press record and play on the VCR AT THE SAME TIME (It will not work any other way) and press play on the right screen on your computer monitor. Wait until the film ends to press stop.

CONGRADULATIONS, you have made a video!