

Movie Assignments in Moodle

Most students find using their smart phones easy to take videos with. It is also easy to create an assignment in Moodle to upload videos to. Please read on for points to consider when assigning a movie project.

First, Moodle has an upload limit of 50MB per assignment. The instructor may have to increase the limit to the 50MB when creating or editing the assignment.

A short two-minute video on an Android phone can be over 212 MB. Video Compress is a highly rated, easy to use, video compression software available free in the Google Play store. Video Compress has many options for compression. Typically, 854x480, 480 dpi, will compress the video to below the 50MB and maintain decent quality. This may need to be changed to more compression for the video file size to become less than 50MB.

iPhone videos are usually less than 50MB and will not need to be compressed before uploading.

Second, accessing Moodle through the Highland mobile app does not open the Android file manager to be able to upload a file. To upload a file on an Android phone, students will need to go to Google Chrome, navigate to highland.edu, login, select Moodle, and go through the same process to upload a file to a Moodle assignment.

Here are two alternatives to uploading directly from a phone to Moodle. Both methods require the instructor to first create a Moodle assignment accepting online text. The first is to have students upload the video through the YouTube app, set the security for the video available to anyone with the link, then paste the link into the Moodle assignment. A second option would be to have students upload the file to cloud storage such as OneDrive, iCloud, or Google Drive, then share the video. How to share the video can easily be found in the cloud storage's help area. The link to the shared video would be submitted as a Moodle online text assignment same as the first option.