

Assignments for this course may require the student to submit video recordings demonstrating the assigned drill. As this course is conducted in Google Classroom, the student is required to use Google Drive and Google compatible programs to submit homework. Available options are specified below, and it is the student's responsibility to find the option that works best for them. Zoom video meeting information is covered in another document.

- All homework assignments must be submitted via Google Classroom.
- Record test videos to check on space, lighting, and sound before filming your video assignments.

The list below includes comprehensive options for recording, uploading, and submitting recorded video assignments. If you have questions about the information covered below, please feel free to contact Rachel George to discuss your options and concerns.

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Preparing you space for filming

Floor Space

- Use a space large enough to demonstrate your drills with full movement. If necessary, you may need to move furniture out of the way temporarily for the duration of the filming.
- The space should allow you enough room to easily move your arms, move side to side, and turn as needed. The height of the space should accommodate your arms in both 2nd position and 5th position with cymbals.
- Film during a time when you are able to keep family and pets outside of the space while filming.
- The space will need to accommodate a full and direct line of sight between you and the video recording equipment. You will need to be fully visible in the video recordings.

- Record a few test videos to check on your distance from the camera and modifications to the space, as needed.

Lighting

- Natural daylight, bright indoor lighting, and dance studio lighting can work perfectly. Lights darken on video, so the brighter, the better. Avoid direct sunlight as that can wash out the camera.
- Be sure the lighting in your space is bright enough that you can see your movement and articulations in the test videos. If your movements are not clear in the submitted videos, you will be asked to re-film.

Sound requirements

- Your space will need a sound system that is loud enough that music and call-outs are audible on video, especially if you will be speaking and/or playing cymbals on your recordings as well.
- Record your videos in a space without background noise. Ambient noise may compete with the assigned music, call-outs, your voice, and your cymbals, causing difficulty when evaluating your videos.
- We recommend not placing your camera on or near your speakers as the vibrations will cause shaking on the video, making it difficult to see your movements in your recorded videos.

Recording video

Tech requirements

- Smartphones are adequate for filming your videos, but you may use any filming equipment you choose.
- Many computers contain cameras and microphones which may work well for recording video.
- Recording each assigned video will need to be completed in one go, without breaks. We will not accept edited or joined videos. You are tested on your stamina as well as your execution of movement.
- Be sure to test space, light, and sound in “test videos” as mentioned in the previous section. Complete a “tech rehearsal” for each of your videos before filming the actual videos you will submit for homework.
- Make sure there is enough storage space on your device to hold videos that can be as long as 60 to 80 minutes.
- Have a power cord/attachment handy as filming can quickly lower the battery charge of your filming device.
- Some cameras have settings for longer videos. These settings accommodate lower quality video/pixels by compressing files so the camera will not automatically shut off during filming.
- In some cases you may need to split up or compress your video after filming to be able to upload it. If this is the case, be sure that you submit the final video as uncompressed, or make a note that the video is in two parts from one filming session.

Things to consider

- Have everything you will need ready to go for your final recording, i.e. shoes, veil, cymbals, notes, cue cards, music, water, towel, barre/chair, etc. Once you begin recording you cannot stop to get something you forgot.
- Set your camera about table height, or of a height that your entire person is visible with arms in 5th position, for the entire video.
- Set your camera where it will not fall during your filming. Tripods or stands work well, but you can also lean your phone against a steady bookshelf, for example.
- You are free to record your “final” video for each assignment as many times as you wish. Submit the video file that you feel is best for that assignment. Videos cannot be edited, and are due on time.
- Video assignments may need to be submitted regularly, sometimes weekly, so we recommend that at the beginning you choose a method of recording, uploading, and submitting videos that works best for you. This program will be time intensive, and you need to worry about things other than how to upload and submit homework each week.

Uploading and submitting video

Overview

- Each assigned video file must be recorded in one take; edited videos will not be accepted.
- Keep in mind that some video assignments may require long recordings and large video files, and it is the student’s responsibility to navigate their Internet connection and filming equipment in regards to uploading files and film clarity.
- All homework assignments must be submitted in Google Classroom.
- Video assignments may need to be submitted regularly, sometimes weekly, so we recommend that you choose a method of recording, uploading, and submitting videos that works best for you.
- You have the option to password protect your videos. For all videos used for Suhaila’s Google Classrooms, please use the password, “dance5678”, all lowercase, one word, no quotations. For your privacy, and the privacy of your fellow students, please do not share this password with outside persons.
- We recommend you test out the password-protected video by sending it to a fellow student, or create a separate file with a different password and send it to a trusted friend.
- Please double check that your video has uploaded completely before submitting your work, as you may not be able to go back and re-submit.

Nomenclature

- All combinations and original choreography that is submitted via video must include full notes written correctly in Salimpour Format Nomenclature. If the notes are written using incorrect nomenclature, or not included at all, the assignment will be considered incomplete.
- Salimpour Format Nomenclature can be found in the Documentation section of the Resources page on the main website:
<https://www.salimpourschool.com/resources/>

How to submit videos via Google Classroom

- While in the assignment's tab, click on the "Add" button. The following list of options will appear:
 - Google Drive
 - Link
 - File
 - YouTube
- How to use each option:
 - **Google Drive:**
 - To use Google Drive, upload the video file directly to Google Drive in advance. This can be done from your phone, Drop Box, or directly from your computer.
 - Go into the assignment tab in the Google Classroom
 - Click the "Add" button with the paperclip symbol
 - Choose Google Drive
 - Click on the "Recent" tab, or "My Drive" tab
 - Click on your video in Google Drive
 - Click the "Add" at the bottom of the screen. Your video will be uploaded to the classroom.
 - **Link:**
 - Use this option if your video is stored on a third party website such as Vimeo or Drop Box
 - Go into the assignment tab in the Google Classroom
 - Click the "Add" button with the paperclip symbol
 - Click "Link"
 - Copy/paste or write out the link to your video
 - Your video will appear at the bottom of the page
 - If you want to password protect your video in advance, be sure to use the password dance5678 as described above, and let your teacher know in the comment section of the assignment that you have password protected your video

- **File**
 - Use this option if you wish to upload your video directly from your computer's hard drive or any other external storage device
 - Go into the assignment tab in the Google Classroom
 - Click the "Add" button with the paperclip symbol
 - Click "File"
 - Drag your video file from your list of files, or
 - Click the "Select files from your device" button, highlight the file, click Open, then click Upload
 - Your video will appear at the bottom of the page

- **YouTube**
 - Use this option if your video is stored on YouTube
 - You may use the video search feature or the video's URL
 - To use the URL
 - Click on the URL tab
 - Copy/paste the URL of your video into the box below the tabs
 - Once the video appears, click the Add button at the bottom of the window
 - Your video will appear at the bottom of the page
 - If you want to password protect your video in advance, be sure to use the password dance5678 as described above, and let your teacher know in the comment section of the assignment that you have password protected your video