

RESOURCES FOR TEACHING PRODUCTION COURSES ONLINE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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GROUPS AND DISCUSSION BOARDS

Facebook group "Teaching Film, Media, Screenwriting, and Production Online for COVID-19"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2592707627683698>

EDIT Media (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Teaching Media)

Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/editmediaproj>

Website <http://www.editmedia.org> (see the Teaching Materials database too)

Broadcast Education Association Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/34744282858>

Online Art and Design Studio Instruction in an Era of "Social Distancing" Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2872732516116624>

How the hell do we do this? Teaching Visual Art Online Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/149929166198456>

Teaching Media Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/498911690127714>

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Online Learning Collective (general online teaching in higher ed)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/onlinelearningcollective>

FREE AND DISCOUNTED EDITING SOFTWARE

Another list of free software here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vTGyc83VrvojaZnx00ZjiFHdOljc_2GcL6JvgsqjEgZw7uVNa4NvTy2fLjHM367xPWt2ZIO6panFtSp/pub?fbclid=IwAR3znfYjEJuMyBY-aqINqS6xHq39u_NYCSWByD4aDd5PdtBo9a7-Zutq8CY

Adobe Creative Cloud (through May 31)

[Adobe Enables Distance Learning Globally for Schools Impacted by COVID-19](#)

(just to clarify, this extends lab licenses to students at home under certain circumstances, it doesn't appear to be free for schools that do not currently have lab licenses)

Final Cut X 90-Day trial

<https://www.apple.com/final-cut-pro/trial/?fbclid=IwAR3II00eQuWn3bDdI9oorDygURqkfSjUmZdiEW3paMORI2ZIX0kKmGelXyk>

FrameForge Studio offers students and teachers a virtual production studio with a special 50% discount bringing per student cost to \$29.99 for the rest of the semester. Mac & Windows
<https://www.frameforge.com/pages/site-license-covid19>

DaVinci Resolve

[DaVinci Resolve](#). This is a robust program. Its color correction features have become industry standard. Highly recommended. (check configuration guides, it takes a lot of power to run this one)

Lightworks

<https://www.lwks.com/>

Hitfilm Express

<https://fxhome.com/hitfilm-express>

Shotcut

<https://shotcut.org/download/>

Moviemaker Online (in-browser)

<https://moviemakeronline.com/>

VSDC Video Editor

http://www.videosoftdev.com/?AVGAFFILIATE=3305&__c=1

[Avid Media Composer](#) | First. Fully functional version of Media Composer with some limitations (4 tracks of video, 8 tracks of audio, can only export up to HD H.264, limit of 5 bins per project, no intercompatibility with the full Media Composer software) Cross-Platform

Avid Media Composer and ProTools 90-Day Licenses

<https://cdn-www.avid.com/-/media/avid/files/corona-virus-2020/creative-product-foc-license-instructions.pdf?la=en&v=20200327200415>

Multicamera Switching

<https://obsproject.com/> (might incur costs though)

FREE AND DISCOUNTED APP-BASED PRODUCTION SOFTWARE

[Filmic Pro](#) (Android and iOS) affords distinct controls of cinematography via a smartphone and costs \$15.00. Contact company for possible free codes for students. They offer a 50% discount for bulk purchases (over 20).

[Shot Designer](#)

Shot listing, Blocking, Lighting Design

[I emailed Shot Designer and Per Holmes wrote back indicating that the free version only allows work on 1 scene at a time. They are offering half price for the full program for students. Contact Per Holmes at Shot Designer for details.

[LumaFusion](#) editing software is app-based and quite powerful and costs \$30.

FREE SCREENWRITING TOOLS

Free student [Final Draft](#) seat

[Celtx Screenwriting Software](#) (only free if you get the “Schools” plan, and it expires at the end of this semester) - <https://www.celtx.com/schools.html>

[Highland2 Screenwriting Software](#)

[YouMeScript plugin](#) for Chrome and Google Drive

[WriteDuet](#) screenwriting website. 3 scripts max.

[Fadeln](#) screenwriting software (limited version, but fine for many exercises)

[Final Draft](#) 18 week educational trial; also \$10 mobile app version ios/android

FREE SOUND DESIGN & MIX

Big list of resources (Elsa Lankford)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HsQFZTRhYscyZuAv80DHIJGYwaDN4NZI24QzDSTWP T4/edit?usp=sharing>

60 day demo of [Reaper](#)

[Audacity](#)

[DaVinci Resolve Fairlight Audio](#)

Qlab <https://qlab.app/> (Mac only) is a Cueing software that does non destructive editing and playback.

Hindenburg is great for beginners and has great functionalities. It is multi platform but only has a 30 day trial <https://hindenburg.com/>

Avid ProTools 90-Day Licenses

<https://cdn-www.avid.com/-/media/avid/files/corona-virus-2020/creative-product-foc-license-instructions.pdf?la=en&v=20200327200415>

TUTORIALS AND ONLINE CURRICULA

Film Skills

\$9 per student/month

<https://www.filmskills-academic.com/coronavirus/>

EditMentor.com (free Beta) interactive educational editing challenges. This is a browser based NLE, still in development.

DaVinci Resolve

<https://www.blackmagicdesign.com/products/davinciresolve/training>

You can download videos and free training books with sample files

Cinestudy.org has several editing exercises in their [Interactive Project](#) section including a restaurant scene, horror movie, car chase, each focusing on an editing principle... all include free raw footage for download, some include scripts, some include ADR and sound effects. Footage is available in 4k and lower res. Some exercises have videos that provide an overview of the project.

Vimeo Video School

<https://vimeo.com/videoschoolvideos>

Moviola.com has free tutorial videos on a range of technical fronts.

[Free online classes with the best documentarians](#)

LinkedIn Learning

<https://www.linkedin.com/learning/> LinkedIn Learning (formerly Lynda.com)

FILE SHARING FOR COLLABORATION AND CRITIQUES

Screening Room - allows viewers to comment on specific moments in a video, and/or by category

<https://www.screeningroom.org/>

Frame.io (subscription based)

https://blog.frame.io/2020/03/18/frameio-covid-19-response/?fbclid=IwAR2TIAikgVluZ3SKJv7CHZMGf-1Dkqj_FRcjqHqnO0udehsozu8op9qVzqI

Wipster.io for critiques and commenting on frame accurate locations on a video (or pdf of screenplays). 60 day free to nonprofits and education.

<https://wipster.io/blog/quickly-setup-remote-creative-teams>

GRAPHIC DESIGN

[Inkscape](#) — open source vector graphic software, alternative to Illustrator

Krita - digital painting and 2D animation <https://krita.org/en/>

GIMP - open source Photoshop GIMP <https://www.gimp.org/>

Affinity Photo, Design, and Publisher <https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/>. 90 day trial. 50% off with no subscription

[Photopea.com](#) - free online photo editing, very similar to photoshop. Will even open and export psd.

[Gravit Designer](#) - great free Adobe Illustrator alternative, can even import .ai files. Runs in a web browser so also great for students unable to install applications

ANIMATION

Stop Motion Studio Pro and OSnap! -- two affordable stop-motion phone/ipad apps (also good for timelapse).

[Cavalry](#) - it's in free beta and has similar functionality to AfterEffects

Autodesk Maya, Mudbox, 3d Max, and Softimage are all free with an educational license: <https://www.autodesk.com/education/free-software/featured>

[Blender](#) - open source 3D and 2D animation

Hitfilm Express - <https://fxhome.com/hitfilm-express> - After Effects-like compositor and editor

DaVinci Resolve w/ Fusion (MoGraph & VFX Compositing)

free for everyone up to UHD, \$299 for 4K+

<https://www.blackmagicdesign.com/products/fusion/>

ToonBoom Free 30-Day Licenses

<https://www.toonboom.com/covid19>

GAME ENGINES

Check out this Goodfirms article on [open source game engines](#).

Unity 2D & 3D -- free: <https://unity.com/>

Unreal -- free: <https://www.unrealengine.com/en-US/>

FREE ONLINE FOOTAGE

Big list of sources for found footage / archival materials available compiled online [here](#) (Irene Lusztig)

FREE AND PAID ONLINE SOUND AND MUSIC SOURCES

Youtube Audio Library - free music and sfx

<https://www.youtube.com/audiolibrary/music?nv=1>

SoundBible - free sfx

<http://soundbible.com/>

Kevin McLeod music <https://incompetech.filmmusic.io/pricing/>

FreeSound <https://freesound.org/help/about/>

Free Music Archive https://freemusicarchive.org/FAQ_For_Videos

SoundCloud Audio Loops

<https://soundcloud.com/royalty-free-audio-loops>

CCMixer Creative Commons Music Loops and Songs

<http://ccmixter.org/>

GetSoundly

https://getsoundly.com/?fbclid=IwAR2_Uprz8Vv_OOaiXtiMUhVGXyEdQqS95V_ODPSnHXRvDjgMoPjOq00EjBU#pricingtablesection

Community Sound Archive

https://archive.org/details/opensource_audio

Zapsplat

<https://www.zapsplat.com/>

Soundsnap (free for students)

<https://www.soundsnap.com/>

Free To Use Sounds

<https://www.freetousesounds.com/?fbclid=IwAR25XMBhHBOtvW4J9vWDLZnLKvkfqh4Dt1GUSwkSpo1E2Qt7vn9ymwZWSNQ>

Skyes Audio

<https://www.skyesaudio.com/blog/2019/4/1/the-ultimate-free-sound-effects-list-free-to-download?fbclid=IwAR2Fgg-vrQp-295nSdEVpio3gUG5fVBGKy0n1T8JRpDkGUp81ExUTF-nK4g>

BBC Sound Effects Library

<http://bbcscfx.acropolis.org.uk>

SoundGator

<http://www.soundgator.com>

STOCK IMAGES OR FONTS

Pexels, Unsplash or Pixabay - Adobe Stock

Google Fonts, Font Squirrel, DaFont - Adobe Fonts

FREE ONLINE FILMS AND CLIPS

Big list of examples of DIY films/films made with minimal resources (Kristin Pichaske)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rnp3BYdzaKEygmVCBIOFYdN9c22g9pfnW8bmhkT9xmk/edit?usp=sharing>

University of Michigan Audiovisual Lexicon (short clips explaining key media studies concepts)

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCEc4eMTXqNoQNLvq35US5f8G4G_7RnkV&fbclid=IwAR2diqNseiZiqXkBmj4tV3tFUNlwWnyZmJsw_QeHDX_L0DB6UUN-nxg98ug

Big list of all kinds of films (Regina Longo) [STREAMING RESOURCES MCM REMOTE TEACHING AND LEARNING](#)

Huge list of experimental films sorted by category (Kate Lain)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DHealTzCR0qNkq-fbuPRd9Nzi7NSAM5HKQ84grFEFO8/htmlview?fbclid=IwAR07RCZc5at-jPp4rf3qs1OugtO22NwRjX7x6Ny4qwWRbQ3oMVuwyvzUqL4#gid=877751036>

American Documentary - Educational Resources with Films

<https://www.amdoc.org/engage/resources/>

https://www.amdoc.org/watch/?mc_cid=c4bed9bb14&mc_eid=729fb3ebca

Mubi gives free accounts to students (awesome streaming film database)

<https://mubi.com/filmstudent>

WMM Women's History Month Virtual Film Festival 2020 - request access to feminist films through March 31.

https://www.wmm.com/as-film-festivals-are-cancelled-wmms-womens-history-month-virtual-fest-offers-an-alternative/?goal=0_9003ae77e2-869e10b2f8-76331027&mc_cid=869e10b2f8&mc_eid=5186241bbb

Critical Commons - A free media sharing service that does *not* do automated copyright takedowns (in over 10 years, they have never removed a piece of media due to a copyright challenge), Critical Commons is ideal for uploading and sharing media clips and critical commentaries with classes: <https://criticalcommons.org/latest>

Documentary filmmakers who have indicated they are available (on a limited basis while many have shifted to online format due to CV19) to offer links to their films and participate in an online Q&A. This Google Doc is also open for editing if you want to add yourself to this list.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RK6j6etsKhT9KUrotqE8eMDetTH88qwMT_Oxj31qCXQ/edit

Short films

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jmyWuTQPJexVs4Tw3XDfJjPaEGgcitZc/view?usp=sharing>

LIVESTREAMING

Open Broadcaster Software (OBS) with YouTube:

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/how-to-live-stream-on-youtube-with-obs/>

Facebook Public Streaming

Watch Together <https://www.watch2gether.com> which allows you to group stream any videos on youtube or vimeo. It has a live chat window and a live streaming option.