



## Make a DVD with iMovie & iDVD that plays automatically, with no scene selections

**Use this handout if your DVD has NO chapters/scene selections and if your wish is that the DVD plays immediately.**

If you have scene selections or chapters and/or you wish to add an opening theme (much like movies you purchase/rent) then use the handout [“Make a DVD with iMovie & iDVD With Scene Selections and/or an Opening Theme”](#)

When your iMovie project is saved and ready to be exported, use iDVD to create a DVD that is playable in most standalone DVD players. It is highly recommended that you **purchase a DVD-R**. DVD+R is acceptable but not as widely recognized by DVD players. You can purchase a DVD-R at the Circulation desk on the first floor. If your project is more than 2 hours, you will need to purchase a dual layer DVD. Purchase a DL+R. These are not available for purchase in the Library.

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\*\* For the purpose of this handout, a 4 minute movie was created, exported, and burned. Total production time after editing was about 20 minutes, so plan your time accordingly. Note: This was done using the .mov file extension prior to burning. This will create a good quality movie, but will take the longest to go through this whole process. For example, the same movie, exported using the .avi file extension, only took 15-20 minutes to export and burn. So, the quality of the movie prior to exporting will determine which extension you should choose.

NOTE: To make more than one copy of the DVD, see handout entitled “Making Copies of a DVD with a Mac [also applies to CDs]”, available on our racks, or online:  
<http://library.albany.edu/imc/pdf/MakingDVDCopieswithMac.pdf>

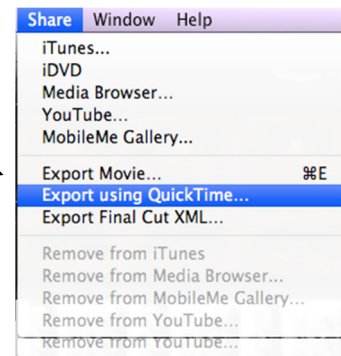
**MAKE SURE TO CLOSE ALL PROGRAMS OTHER THAN iMOVIE WHILE EXPORTING, AND iDVD WHILE BURNING. HAVING ANYTHING ELSE OPEN WILL SLOW DOWN THE PROCESS SIGNIFICANTLY!**

**If you have a movie formatted file (i.e. AVI, MOV, etc.) skip the step “Start in iMovie” and continue with the step “Open iDVD” .**

### **Start in iMovie**

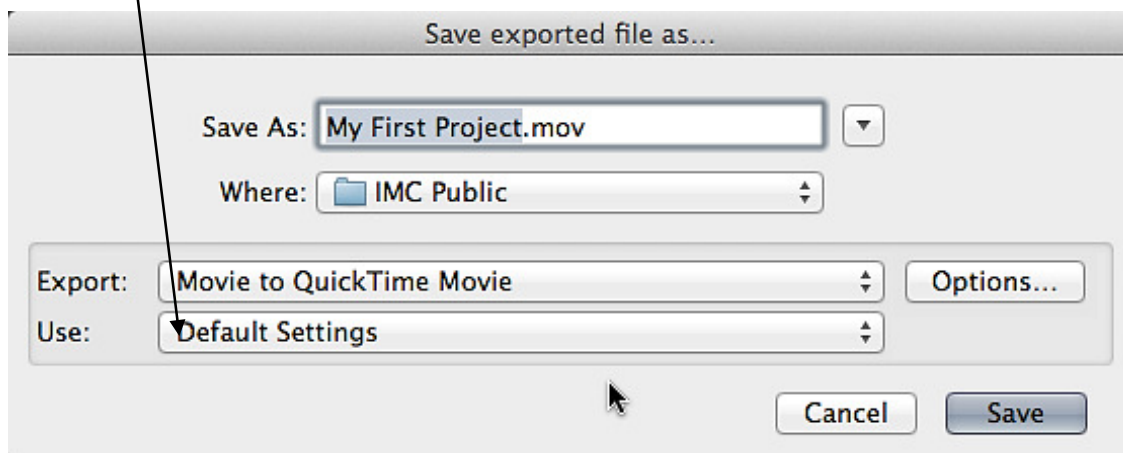
Once you have finished editing your project in iMovie,

- Select **Share > Export using QuickTime**



Select Export: **Movie to QuickTime Movie**

SAVE AS: Name your movie and note the location of the movie



**Open iDVD.** Do not make a selection choice from the iDVD window.

- **IF you are using a DL+R**, dual layer DVD, be sure to select it in Preferences under DVD Type. If you do this, close iDVD and re-open it. You will need to use a DL+R if your movie is more than 2 hours.
- **From the top line Menu**, select **File> OneStep DVD from Movie**
- Select your movie. Select **Import**
- Insert the blank DVD. Burning to DVD automatically begins.
- Be sure to test your DVD! Go to another computer or a stand-alone DVD player in the playback area and play the DVD.

