

Opencast Lecture Videos in Amathuba

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Introduction

The Lecture Videos tool is powered by the Opencast platform. This guide covers how you can use Lecture Videos on your Amathuba course.

Lecture videos are useful in the following cases:

1. Schedule and record your class as a [lecture recording](#)
2. [Record](#) in Opencast Studio or [upload](#) pre-recorded screencasts or lecture videos (It's recommended to include [transcripts and captions](#))
3. Embed or link lecture videos to your Amathuba Content

[Note: Some of the links apply to Vula and will be updated to include Amathuba.]

Adding the Lecture Videos tool to your Amathuba site

You will first need to add the Lecture Videos tool to your Amathuba site.

Currently, you will need to request this to be added via cilt-helpdesk@uct.ac.za. You can also request for previous year's lecture videos to be shared, for example if you have used these in the Content tool.

Once it's been added you can start using Lecture Videos. Refer to the links in the introduction section of this guide if you are planning on scheduling, recording or uploading lecture videos.

The rest of this guide will explain how to link or embed Opencast lecture videos in your Amathuba Content.

Linking and embedding Opencast videos in the Amathuba Content tool

There are a few ways to add Opencast videos in the Content tool:

Facebook: /CILT.UCT **Website:** www.cilt.uct.ac.za **Service Portal:** uct.service-now.com **Email:** cilt-helpdesk@uct.ac.za **Phone:** 021 650 5500

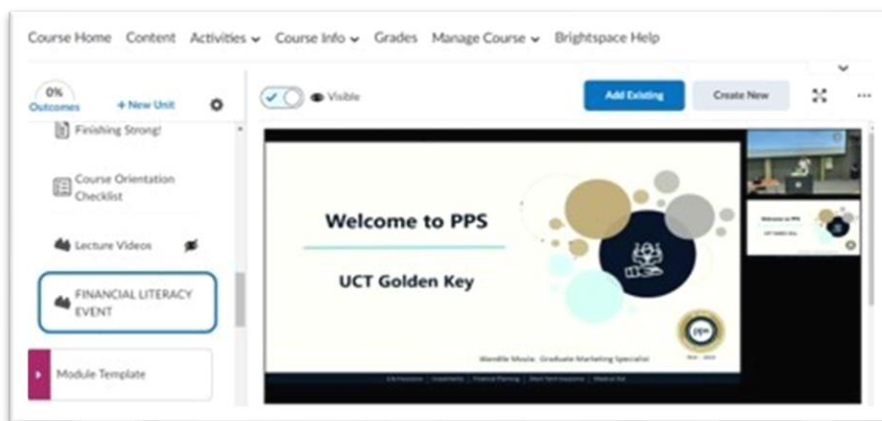
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- **Option A** – Opencast video embedded on it's own page in Content
- **Option B** – Opencast video on an HTML page in Content

NB: You should not manually hyperlink using an Opencast video URL in an HTML page.

Option A: Opencast video embedded on it's own page in Content

1. Navigate to your unit of choice in the **Content** tool (create a new one if necessary).
2. Click **Add Existing**.
3. Select **More**.
4. Scroll down to the end and under Third Party options and select **Opencast Video**.
5. Enter the video title or part thereof in the search block and click **Search**.
6. Click **Select** next to the video of your choice.
7. The Opencast video will display in the Content menu as a separate page, as below.



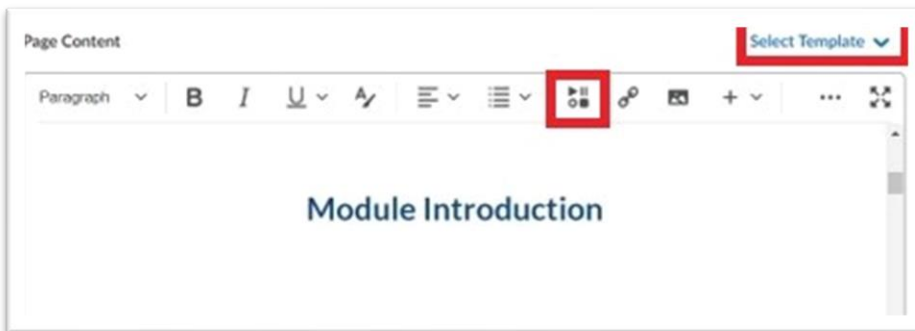
Option B: Opencast video on an HTML page in Content

You may want to include the video on an HTML page with other instructional text.

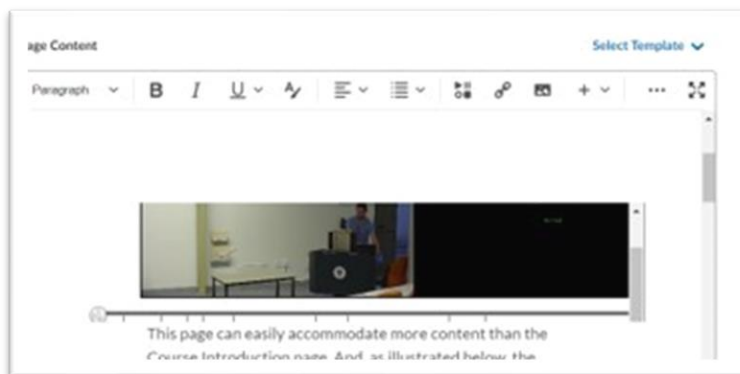
For this option, you can also choose to embed or link to an Opencast video.

Embed video on HTML page

1. In the Content tool, create an HTML page or edit an existing HTML page.
2. If you are creating a new HTML page, make sure you use the **Select Template** dropdown to select an HTML page template.
3. Click on the **Insert Stuff** icon.



4. Scroll down to the end and under Third Party options select **Opencast Video**.
5. Enter the video title or part thereof in the search block and click **Search**.
6. Click **Select** next to the video of your choice.
7. The video will now display within your editor window. Click **Insert**.
8. The Opencast video will be embedded in the HTML page, as below.



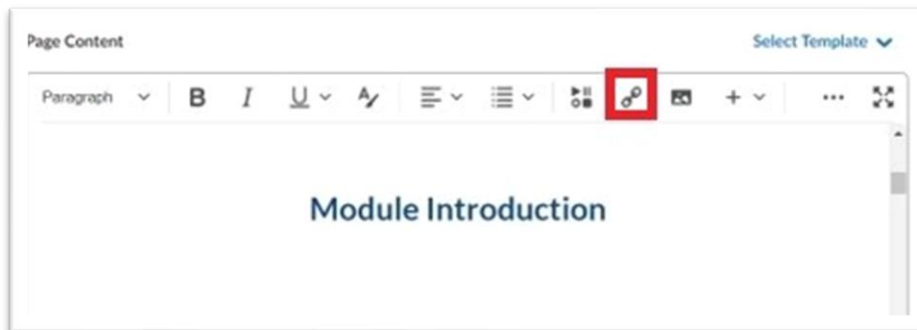
Alternatively, you can link to a video in an HTML page using the Quicklink option.

Link to video on an HTML page

It is important that you do not manually link to the Opencast video URL. The video needs to be added via the Quicklink approach.

Please follow these steps:

1. Create an HTML page or edit an existing HTML page.
2. If you are creating a new HTML page, make sure you use the **Select Template** dropdown to select an HTML page template.
3. Click the **Quicklink** icon.



4. Scroll down to the end and under Third Party options select **Opencast Video**.
5. Enter the video title or part thereof in the search block and click **Search**.
6. Click **Select** next to the video of your choice.
7. The Opencast video will appear as a link in the HTML page, as below.

