

BUYING AN EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE

At OSUDance, technology is deeply embedded in the curriculum. All dance majors are required to have a hard drive fast enough to act as a media drive.

It's crucial that your hard drive meets these tech specifications:

- 7200RPM
- USB 3.0

Most of those thrifty little black hard drives just aren't fast enough to handle HD video. We highly encourage our students to purchase this model:

HGST 1TB Touro S Ultra-Portable External Hard Drive

Click here to find it at [B&H](#) or [Amazon](#).

They come in different colors, which doesn't matter. What does matter is 7200RPM and USB 3.0. The Touro drive is economical, holds a terabyte of data, is extremely small and lightweight (think of your heavy dance bag), and needs no power cord.

After you buy the Touro drive it needs to be formatted for Mac. (The Department is entirely Macintosh.)

FORMATTING YOUR HARD DRIVE

Your drive needs to be formatted for Mac when you first buy it. (Most drives come in a format for PCs, such as FAT32.) Formatting will erase everything on it, so if you have files you want to keep, temporarily copy them to another hard drive beforehand.

- Connect your hard drive to a Mac.
- Go to the Utilities Folder (in the Applications Folder). Launch the program there called Disk Utility.
- You'll see your hard drive in the sidebar window on the left. Single-click to select it. (Select the top one of the two icons.)
- Click the ERASE menu button at the top.

- From the FORMAT menu select: MAC OS EXTENDED—JOURNALED)
- Choose a name for your drive.
- Click the ERASE button at the bottom. Done.