



What is Films on Demand, also known as, Films for the Humanities?

Films on Demand, also known as Films for the Humanities, is an online video database which streams educational documentary films. The videos are accessed and streamed through the TCC's library webpage. **TCC has licensed access to over 9 thousand films.** Complete access to all films began January 1, 2011.

What types of educational documentaries does Films on Demand offer?

TCC has licensed every subject area collection that Films on Demand offers. This includes:

- [1256 Health Science films.](#)
- [4677 Humanities and Social Science films,](#)
- [1842 Math and Science films,](#)
- [806 Business and Economics films,](#)
- [325 Career and College films,](#)
- [403 Family and Consumer Science films,](#)
- [485 Technical Education films,](#)
- [472 archival and news footage films.](#)

There is an even more specific breakdown of subject areas through the above links; (If accessing this content from off campus, you must enter your MyTCC username and password.)

How do I access/log on to Films on Demand?

Films on Demand is listed in the following sections of our TCC library page www.tcc.edu/lrc including the Title List of Databases and the Subject List of Databases. Films on Demand is also listed in several subject guides including the Film Subject guide, the History subject guide and the Careers subject guide. When accessing Films on Demand from home, you must enter your *MyTCC* username and ID after clicking into the Films on Demand link.

How do I find films on a specific subject area?

Finding specific films in Films on Demand generally requires simple keywords searching. You can either search by title, which means your search will pull up the whole film. Or you can search by segments, which means your search will pull up segments of films that relate most to your keyword search.



If you select the Advanced Search option, you can limit films that come after a certain publication year. Limiting by date may be helpful in selecting films that offer more recent content.

How can I incorporate these films within BlackBoard?

It's easy to link a film from Blackboard. Find a specific film; scroll down to view the Details tab. Copy and paste the link beneath the Title URL into a section on Blackboard (such as Discussion Board). If students are accessing the videos from off campus, s/he must enter her MyTCC username and ID even if s/he is linking to the video from Blackboard.

Can I show these films in a face-to-face class?

Although, it should theoretically be fine to show any of these online films in a face-to-face class because these films are online, they can slow or freeze when the network is experiencing a high usage. Therefore, Mary Hanlin (mhanlin@tcc.edu) is happy to continue purchasing hard copy DVDs for anything shown in a face-to-face class.

What does the My Preferences option do in the Films on Demand database?

Creating a user account in the My Preferences section of Films on Demand will allow you to save videos in folders and to share more effectively. If you use the database often, it is helpful to create a user account.

How do I make the screen show "Full Screen" so that it shows on the whole computer monitor?

Click on the diagonal arrow  to show the whole video.

Why does the video sometimes freeze?

If the network is slow, or if the student is accessing content from off campus where the network connection may be slower, the video may freeze. The online videos do not work with dial-up Internet; however, the videos are compatible with slower speed DSL.

Can students download the videos?

No. The database is licensed only for streaming access. However, Films on Demand is set up for multi-user access, which means hundreds of users can log in to Films on Demand at the same time.

Are the films closed captioned?

Most of the films, though not all, are closed captioned. Make sure to select Windows Media player or Flash player to watch in closed captioning.

I have a Mac: can I still play these videos?

Yes. In the drop down box directly beneath the video, select the Quick Time option to play the video.

I have more questions. Whom do I call?

If you have more questions, email or call Mary Hanlin, TCC's Media Librarian. Her contact information is 757.822.2133 or mhanlin@tcc.edu

