Quickly Crop a Video by Emese Felvegi

A Zoom recording may take too long to upload depending on your Internet connection speed/availability. The length of your video may also make it hard for students to find specific content they need in a video block that contains multiple topics and may even be 80-minutes long. Therefore, I crop my videos to be no more than 6-8 minutes long at a time. I use a free open source software called Handbrake to do this, it is available for Windows, Mac, and Linux. As with all software, download and install at your own risk.

Download the software from https://handbrake.fr/ and install.

Select the file from the file manager that pops up when you click the File option under Source Selection.
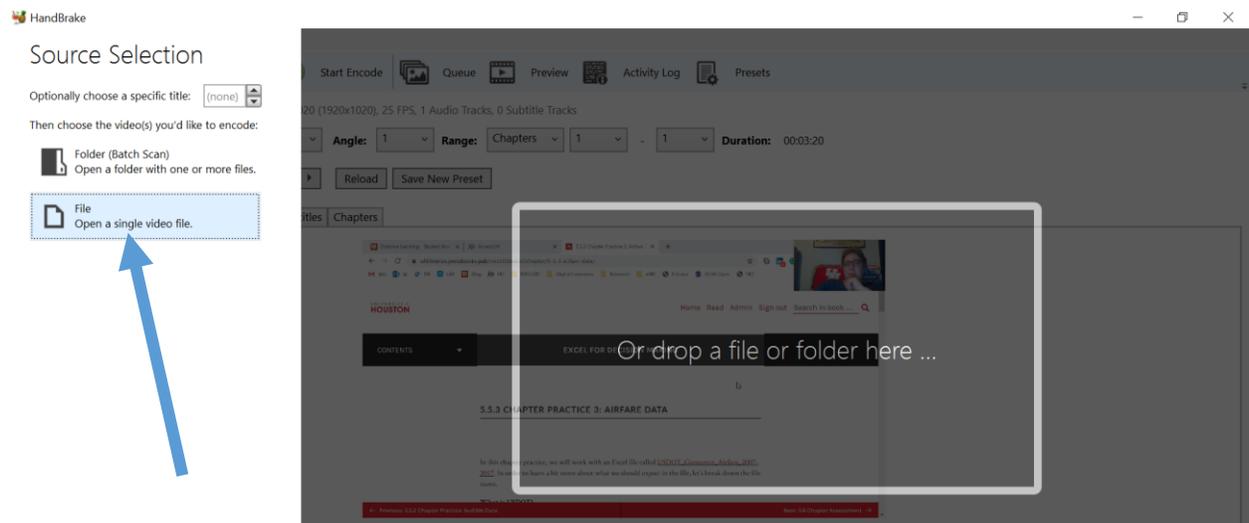
I watched my video and wrote down my timings. I know that I want to crop starting at the 3:00 minute mark and have a video that will be 8 minutes long after that. Next to the Range option, click the dropdown icon next to **Chapters** as indicated below and select **Seconds**.
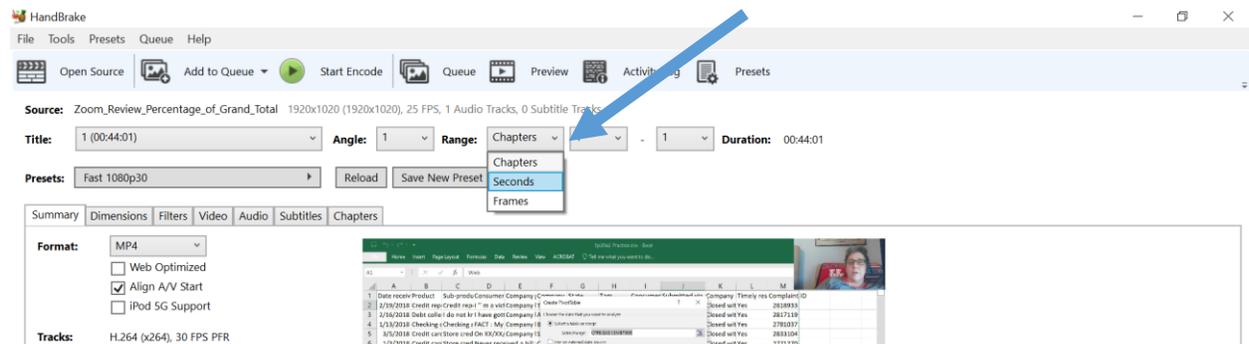
Next, I edit my timing start and end fields indicated below.

Finalize settings and process your video:

1. I recommend you select Web Optimized under Format.
2. Click **Browse** to select the location of your file for the **Save As** field.
3. Press **Start Encode** to process your video.
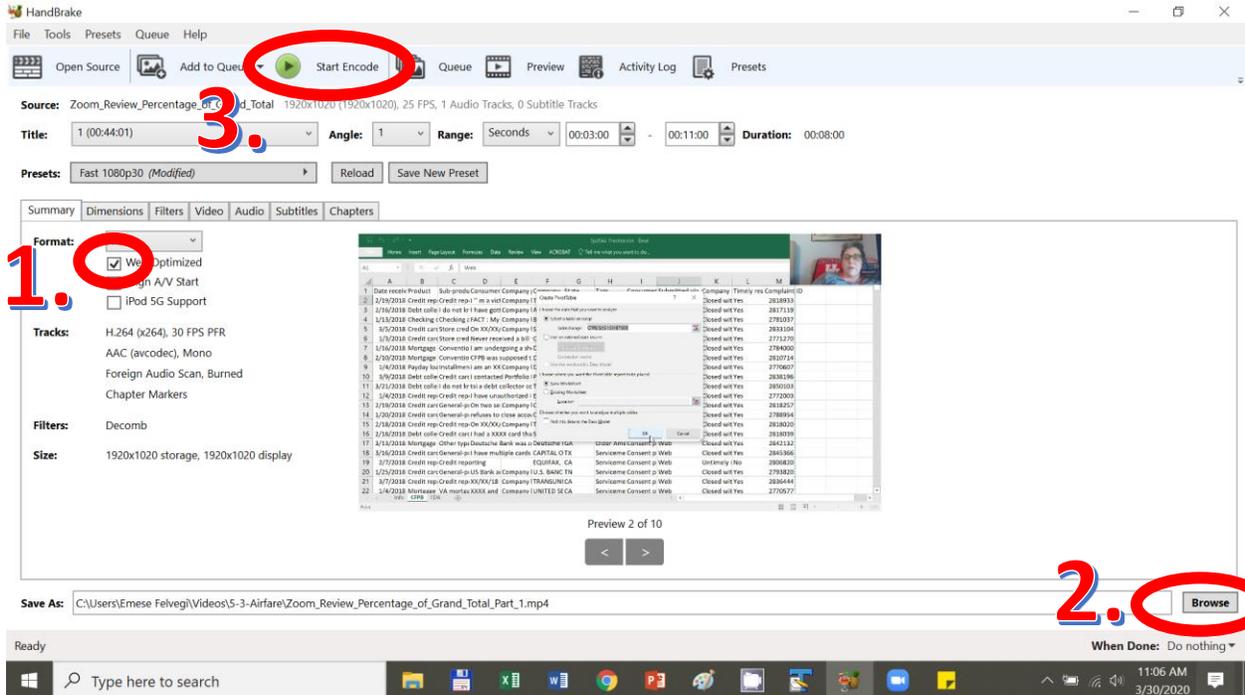
Upload to you preferred file sharing application, share the link or embed on Blackboard.