Adding Transitions

**IMPORTANT:** All Jones computers have the latest version of iMovie (released in 2013) installed. Projects created or edited in this version will NOT transfer to iMovie ‘11! To guarantee that your project and video files are saved properly, we strongly recommend that you set up your iMovie Library on an external hard drive (see the iMovie - Project Management guide for details).

Adding transitions will generally shorten the length of your movie as each transition superimposes the end of one clip onto the beginning of the next. This can throw off the synchronization of video and sound tracks. For this reason, it is best to add transitions **before** starting your sound editing and voice-over narration.

**Steps to Add and Customize Transitions**

1. Open the Transitions browser by clicking in the **CONTENT LIBRARY** on the bottom left. To preview a transition, move your cursor over the transition icon.

![CONTENT LIBRARY](image)

2. Drag and drop a transition from the Transitions browser between two clips in the timeline. You can preview the effect in the Viewer by moving the cursor over the transition icon.

3. To change the length of a transition, double-click its icon in the timeline. In the pop-up window, enter the new time (seconds) in the Duration field. *Note: A transition effect can be no longer than half the length of a clip.*

![Duration](image)

4. To change a transition effect, drag another transition over the current one in the timeline. The new transition will replace the old one.

5. You can fine-tune the editing points of a transition with the iMovie Precision Editor. To open the Precision Editor, double-click the space between the two clips in the timeline or use the keyboard shortcut COMMAND - SLASH (/).