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).

Before starting your project, request a microphone (headset mic or desktop mic) and an Editing Station at the Media Services Desk.

Steps to record a voiceover in iMovie

1. Plug the USB microphone or headset into an available USB port.
2. Select Window > Record Voiceover from the iMovie menu. A voiceover toolbar pops up at the bottom of the viewer window.
3. Click on the Voiceover Options button in the Viewer window and select your input source from the dropdown menu (Desktop Mic: AK5370; Headset Mic: Plantronics Headset).

4. Speak clearly and at your natural volume into the microphone and check the input meter in iMovie. If your input levels are too high (in the yellow and red), use the Volume slider to lower the record volume.
5. To hear the original audio of your clip during the voiceover recording, uncheck the Mute Project box (make sure to monitor the audio through headphones).
6. Move the playhead to the spot where you want your narration to begin and click to start recording. After the onscreen countdown/audio alert, start speaking.
7. To stop recording, click Stop Recording or press the space bar. A green VO track appears pinned to your video clip.
8. To change the volume, select the audio track in the timeline by clicking on it. Adjust the volume with the slider in the viewer window or click the Auto button to automatically improve the loudness.
9. To move a voiceover track, simply click and drag it to a different spot.
10. To delete a voiceover track, click it and press the delete key.