

MCOM 10: EQUIPMENT TO CHECKOUT



CANON VIXIA VIDEO CAMERAS

Seven Canon Vixia video cameras are available for checkout. Five are model HF R500, two are model HF R60. There is essentially no difference between the models for functionality. These cameras are best for primary video shooting of your project. When you check one out, you will also get an extra battery, wired lavalier microphone and the battery charging cable.

HERO GOPRO

There are three Hero GoPro models available for checkout. GoPros are not for use for all types of video, but can be useful if you are planning to do any “point of view” video. We have temporary harness setups, both to attach to an object and mount on a person, including a chest harness, for use as well. GoPro cameras are meant to be a complement to the regular camera, as the equipment shouldn't be used to do video interviews for the project.



CANON DIGITAL STILL CAMERAS

There are various digital still cameras that are available for checkout. These cameras can shoot both still images and video footage. In a pinch, a digital still camera can be used to record video interviews if a real video camera can't be procured. You may checkout a digital still camera, or use your own. Please note that you use your own equipment at your own risk. We have at least four different varieties of these cameras, all Canon brand.

ZOOM AUDIO RECORDERS

There are three professional quality Zoom audio recorders available for checkout. These audio recorders can be checked out alone, or with an accessory kit. The kit includes a tripod and wind guard for the microphone area. These audio recorders are good for situations where a lavalier microphone may not work. Be aware, though, that syncing audio in post production isn't a practice covered in the tutorial section of this course. There are two other, smaller Zoom audio recorders available for checkout as well.



LAVALIERE MICROPHONES

Each video camera pack comes with a lavalier microphone upon checkout. A number of wired lavalier microphones are also available for checkout outside of a video camera pack. These microphones allow your interview subjects and you to have a conversation hands free. If you choose to use your equipment, you may check one of these out and connect it to your phone. If connected to your phone, the phone provides the power. If connected to a camera, a battery provides the power. These batteries go dead quickly, so please make sure to turn the microphone off.

TRIPODS, MEMORY CARDS AND ACCESSORIES

Seven tripods will be available for checkout after story pitching and assignment. These tripods are lightweight with a simple swivel head and a handle for easy pickup. Smaller point and shoot size tripods are also available, as are mounts to connect your phone to a tripod.

Each student will be assigned a 32-gig SD memory card, which fits both the video and digital still cameras, as part of this class. It is your responsibility to return the card at the end of the semester.

NOTE: Headphones are **NOT** assigned or available for checkout except in the lab. Please provide your own.

