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School of Journalism

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR JOUR 411 – Fall 2021

JOUR 411 Broadcast and Digital Writing for Video and Audio for Non-Majors requires you to record video. Although Annenberg will loan you most of the equipment needed, **you will need to buy headphones, a hard drive and an SDHC card (as described below) before or during the first week of classes. The total cost of this required equipment and supplies is \$150.**

You will use these items in your advanced journalism classes, so you should buy the best equipment and supplies you can afford.

Annenberg will **loan** you an equipment package worth over \$700 that includes a video camcorder, two camera batteries, a lavalier microphone, a handheld microphone, a tripod, and a camera bag. You will be responsible for any losses or damage. You will get more information about this equipment during class.

Feel free to email asctech@usc.edu if you have any questions about the specifications of the items listed below.

1. Headphones - +/- \$20

You will need headphones to monitor the sound as it is recorded when you shoot a broadcast story.

Required Specifications:

1/8" mini-plug

Closed-ear type cushions

Example Model:

Over the ear units are recommended, such as the Sony ZX Series "on-ear" headphones. No earbuds.

2. SDHC flash memory card - +/- \$20

The cameras you use record on an SDHC Card.

Required Specifications:

SDHC memory card (minimum 16 GB, Class 10 or higher) for video work.

Do NOT purchase any card greater than 32 GB...anything higher may NOT work in various equipment.

NOTE: Newer laptops may require an optional external SD Card Reader for downloading of data to the laptop.

Recommended Sample Brands: Kingston, Lexar, SanDisk Extreme, Transcend

Note: Do not purchase "micro" size SD cards, please buy "standard" size SD cards.



3. A portable USB hard disk drive- +/- \$100

This drive will be used while working on assignments on the school's Mac computers.

Required Specifications:

- USB 3.0 or USB 3.1 Type-C, 1 terabyte (1 Tbyte) or greater.
- Sample Brands: GDrive, Seagate FreeAgent GoFlex, Western Digital MyPassport (about \$100-120)

Recommended drives (Sturdy and fast):

- Standard USB:
G-Drive Mini USB 3.0, 1TB, 7200RPM, about \$100.00
<http://www.g-technology.com/products/g-drive-mobile-usb>
- USB Type C (Newer Laptops-late 2016):
G-Drive Mobile USB-C/USB3.1, 1TB, 7200RPM, about \$120.00
<http://www.g-technology.com/products/g-drive-mobile-usb-c>