

**Endicott College**  
**Department of Visual Communications, School of Visual and Performing Arts**  
**Camera Recommendations for Photography Courses**  
**Fall 2011**

**Camera Recommendations for Photography Concentrators and Photography Minors :**

Students in the photography concentration or students pursuing the photography minor must have a digital SLR. The recommended cameras which meet the minimum requirements are:

**Canon Cameras:** Canon EOS 600D (RebelT3i), Canon EOS 550D(Rebel T2i), Canon EOS 500D (EOS Rebel T1i with 18-55mm lens. Also recommended: Canon 7D, Canon 60D, 5D mkII

The T3i is the latest release of this camera, but the T2i, the T1i cameras are very good and can be had for a savings if they are still available. As of this writing they are still being sold.

**Nikon Cameras:** Nikon D3100 or D5100, with 18-55mm lens. Also recommended: Nikon D7000

Note: For either camera a minimum 2 gigabyte memory card is recommended.

A tripod is also a requirement for photography majors. We recommend the Manfrotto MK293A3-A3RC models or the Slik Pro 700 DX, and Pro 500 DX Models

**Camera requirements for non majors taking PHT 116 Introduction to Photographic Methods.**

**Please Note:** Any camera used for the PHT116 Introduction to photographic methods class must have Av and Tv (aperture priority and shutter priority) exposure controls. Cameras without these exposure controls will not be suitable for the class.

This is a digital based course where students will use their own digital cameras and edit images using Photoshop software. Prints will be made using the department's Epson printers.

- Av and Tv exposure controls
- 6 Mega Pixels or greater
- Optical Zoom Lens (w/35mm equivalent of 28-70((or greater))
- Memory card of at least 1 gigabyte or greater
- You must have the OWNERS/INSTRUCTION MANUAL for your camera.
- Cameras using AA batteries should have NiCad rechargeable kit as well.

Recommended cameras for the class:

**Canon PowerShot: SX200 IS, Canon PowerShot SX130 IS, S95, G12**

**Panasonic: LUMIX DMC-ZS7, LUMIX DMC-ZS8, DMC-ZS10, DMC-FZ-40, LX-3. DMC LX-5**

**Nikon: Coolpix P300, P500, P7000, P9100,**

Note: Most Nikon and Sony point and shoot cameras do not offer the required controls, and as such we do not recommend many of them.

These cameras are readily available at a variety of retailers and the prices may vary greatly. B and H Photo and video is a recommended retailer: [www.bhphotovideo.com](http://www.bhphotovideo.com). Canon USA offers refurbished cameras at a very good savings as well. Check their web site for available models. **Please note when ordering your camera be sure that it is in stock and ready to be shipped.**

**Students must have external hard drive storage**

Storage of work-in-progress, and finished projects is necessary for all students, majors and non-majors alike. Note: Ipods are not recommended for storage as they are unreliable and frequently result in lost work. We recommend a portable USB or 800 Firewire hard-drive, as they represent a much better value. Currently many models are available from Iomega, Simpletech, Western Digital, Iomega and La Cie. We recommend a drive of at least 160 gb.

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