



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™ ONLINE Video Lecturing

An Equipment Guide

Do I need additional equipment to produce quality videos?

Short answer: NO.

Long Answer: Keep in mind the goal of your videos are to supplement your students education, not provide a 5 star Rotten Tomatoes production. A webcam, enthusiasm and free editing software can get you quality videos. The amount of money spent on equipment doesn't mean you will have stellar videos. It all goes back to the concept of planning and editing what you will be shooting. Mac's iMovie and Window's Movie Maker 10 are two **free** editing softwares.

I am just getting started and want some ideas of what I can use...

Okay, now you have decided to add to your collection of video equipment. Below are some of my favorite products I have come across, again, these are just personal suggestions.

> iPhone Stand with Remote

I purchased mine off of Amazon, and this is great to use my phone to film from. I have used it at the barn, in the fields, or even in my office. I do recommend getting a tripod with a Bluetooth remote.

> Lighting

I won't lie, I used a lamp with no lampshade or my windows for natural light before I purchased a ring light. Again, Amazon has a large selection, I recommend a smaller ring light that would be easy to travel with compared to a large one.

> Microphone

Things can get tricky ordering lapel mics that are compatible for your phone, so I don't always recommend lapel mics. What I do find handy is a desk microphone, this is great since often times we record from our offices and it is great to do clear voice overs. The Center for Distance Education has microphones available for check out!

Looking to get more advanced?

If you really want to up your production game, I recommend looking into other editing softwares and trainings. Personally I am a fan of **Final Cut Pro** for my Mac Users or **Adobe Premiere Pro CC** for those who use a Windows computer (or Mac). These softwares aren't cheap and they do have a little bit of a learning curve. You should prepare yourself to take a few online video courses about how to navigate and maximize your time when using the software.

Still need help?

Please call Mississippi State Center for Distance Education 662.325.3473 or email help@online.msstate.edu.