

VCT Equipment/Software Requirements

The following is a list of recommendations for equipment needed for any students participating in the Visual Communication Technology program. This list pertains to VCT Majors, Minors or Auditing Students. The list outlines specific requirements for equipment that need to be met for courses. *We do not recommend specific brands, models or retailers to purchase the equipment.* It is up to each student to make sure the equipment they are purchasing meets the specified requirements of the course or program. If students have any questions, please contact VCT Faculty to discuss these equipment requirements.

Student participating in any of the VCT courses should have the following equipment/supplies.

Required:

- One (1) 8 GB USB Flash Drive – for back up purposes

Recommended:

- Computer System with a Minimum 256 or 512 GB PCIe-based onboard flash storage, such as Mac Book, Mac Book Pro (faster processor) or iMac. A 13” or 15” display will be appropriate for a laptop. VCT labs are primarily Mac Systems.
- Adobe Creative Cloud, Educational / Academic version pricing is available from Adobe, Apple, and Microsoft via BGSU Bookstore.

VCT 2820, 3820 & 4650: Photography coursework.

Students must have a Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR/R) camera.

Required:

- Digital SLR camera – most common brands are Nikon and Canon

Recommended:

- 8GB or higher compact flash card or SD media card, typically comes with camera
- Tripod with quick release and leveling bubble, Sturdy model able to hold camera in windy conditions (can also be used for video courses).

VCT 2680, 3690 & 4690: Video production coursework. Students must have a DSLR camera to capture video.

Required:

- 1 TB portable drive to store video footage

Recommended:

- Tripod with quick release, leveling bubble, ability to smoothly pan or tilt. Sturdy model able to hold video camera in windy conditions (may be able also be used for photography courses).

***NOTE:** All examples are for reference purpose only and may not meet the standard requirements for a specific course. Equipment make, model and functions constantly change. It is up to each student to make sure the equipment they are purchasing meets the specified course requirements.

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