Students require their own 35mm Digital SLR camera to study at Photography Studies College. As searching for a camera can be confusing, we have compiled a guide containing recommended models and suggested retailers to help you select a camera.

**PSC recommended camera types**

- Canon EOS 50D 15.1 MP, an upgrade to the EOS 40D, which includes Live View $2000
- Canon EOS 7D 18 MP, $3000
- Canon EOS 5D Mark II with HD video capabilities $4300
- Nikon D90 12 MP, Nikon’s latest pro-consumer model $1700
- Nikon D200 10 MP, the camera for most advanced amateurs $1600
- Nikon D300 12 MP $2600
- Nikon D700 12 MP, D3 image quality at about half the price $4000

PSC also recommends looking at second hand professional camera bodies (i.e Canon 5D, 5D Mark II and Nikon D300, or D2). Most stores do not offer student discount on second hand equipment. A list of stores that sell second equipment is noted on the back.

**PSC recommended lenses**

- Canon EF 24-70mm f/2.8 L USM heavy, but very high quality
- Canon EF 24-85mm f/3.5-4.5 USM
- Canon EF 24-105mm f/4 L IS USM much lighter than the 24-70, but still great optical quality
- Nikon 28-70mm f/2.8D ED-IF AF-S big and heavy, but fast and constant aperture
- Nikon 35-70mm f/2.8D AF superseded by the 28-70/2.8, but still a very high quality lens
- Nikon 24-70mm f/2.8G ED AF-S

Please see the back for a dictionary of photographic terms to help you understand the lens terminology.

Please note that we have only listed the approximate maximum full price of camera bodies (as a guide only). The list of lenses above will add around $1000-2000 on top of the ‘Body Only’ price. (note: it is much cheaper to buy camera and a lens together).

**Student discount** will save often hundreds! Please avoid ‘kit lenses’ when purchasing a camera, as these are lower quality and are not used professionally. These kit lenses will not last your throughout your studies at the college. The lenses listed are sharper, more durable and have better housing.

Other camera manufacturers such as Pentax, Sony and Olympus also manufacture Digital SLR cameras. However despite their lower prices, they are not widely used professionally.
PSC recommended camera stores (student discount and *second hand models may be available)

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For second hand equipment, don’t forget these online sellers.
ebay.com.au
tradingpost.com.au
or in your local paper or photographic store and in the PSC Student Lounge (building 67)

For comparisons on camera models, competitive prices and reviews visit online

(please read all warranty terms on the websites i.e. damaged equipment may have to be shipped back to country of purchase.)
www.dpreview.com/reviews/sidebyside.asp
www.betterdigitalonline.com
www.digitalrev.com (Hong Kong Seller)
www.bhphoto.com (American Seller)
www.photobuff.com.au
www.photo.net

We recommend you go into the store and try several camera models including both Nikon and Canon bodies to see what best suits you. Check out the reviews online for a more educated purchase and don’t be afraid to get quotes. Most stores will try to get the best written quote.

From the camera store you will also need to purchase several memory cards, as they are not included with your camera body. Also think about a spare battery, a sturdy camera bag and a card reader. Ask at the time of purchase, as you will get a better deal on the entire package.

*Please note: All above prices are a guide only. Last updated January 2010.

Glossary

F-number: lower is better.

Canon Terminology:
“IS” is Image Stabilization, compensates for unsteady hands.
“USM” Ultrasonic Motor
“L” L-Series lens is Canon’s professional, durable and more expensive lens.

Nikon Terminology:
“VR” is “vibration reduction. The lens electronically compensates for unsteady hands.
“ED” is “extra-low dispersion” glass, a more expensive and higher quality glass that reduces chromatic aberration.
“IF” is internal focus, meaning that the lens does not change physical length as you focus on subjects that are closer or farther away.
“DX” are Nikon’s lenses that only work on its small-sensor digital SLR bodies
“FX” refers to the full frame sensor
“G” lenses are Nikon’s newest lenses. The G lenses don’t work on older bodies.
“AF-S” is “Auto Focus” has a built-in ultrasonic motor, also focus faster and more quietly.