

## Buying Guide for Remote Work and Classes

### Recommendations for Faculty:

#### Audio

- **Blue Yeti microphone (~\$120-140)**
  - Industry standard USB condenser microphone, has built in gain control as well as 4 different patterns to select from: cardioid, omnidirectional, bidirectional, and stereo
  - Great for any application: podcasts, lecture recording, zoom meetings, music recording
  - Highly versatile mic at a fair price
  - The USB mic that the DMC carries for our equipment program
  - [Amazon Link for Purchase](#)
- **Blue Snowball iCE microphone (~\$40-60)**
  - High audio quality, simple to use USB condenser microphone
  - Lacks gain control or different pattern selection (only cardioid pattern)
  - high quality directional microphone for podcasts, zoom meetings, and lecture recording
  - fantastic value
  - [Amazon Link for Purchase](#)
- **Rode Videomic Me/Me-L Directional Mic for android/iOS devices (\$50-80)**
  - Shotgun-style microphone for use with smartphones or tablets
  - Best option if you are recording or participating in zoom meetings primarily from a tablet or smartphone and need better audio quality
  - iOS version (Me-L) connects via lightning port, android version (Me) connects via 3.5mm audio port (standard headphone port)
  - iOS (lightning) version is more expensive
  - [Android Version Purchase Link](#)
  - [iOS Version Purchase Link](#)
- **Rode Smartlav+ Lavalier Clip-on Microphone (\$70)**
  - Clip-on lavalier style omnidirectional condenser microphone
  - provides good sound quality for use with phones, laptops, and tablets
  - connects via a 3.5mm audio jack
  - very small and unobtrusive
  - [B&H Link for Purchase](#)



## Video

- **Logitech C920 Full HD 1080p Webcam (~\$50-70)**
  - best quality webcam in the price range
  - crisp video picture at 1080p/30fps
  - includes built in dual omnidirectional stereo microphones
  - versatile clip fits on laptops, LCD, or CRT monitors, as well as including tripod threading
  - [Adorama Purchase Link](#)



## Recommendations for Students:

- For those who are looking for microphone and webcam options, the above are products that the DMC can endorse as good quality for the price. We recognize that the price point may still be steep for some, and therefore the main recommendation we can give is to use any set of headphones with a built in microphone you have. Whether they are the basic Apple earbuds that typically come with their products or another set you have purchased independently, they will almost universally give better audio quality than simply using the microphone built into your computer. Webcams should be less of a priority, as there is typically no genuine need for students to be visible in remote classes.