

Equipment Suggestions for At-Home Video Recordings

(See suggestions on actual products on the second page)

Must Have :

A device to record on.

This can be your **smart phone**. Or your **computer**. Or a **SLR camera with video**. Make sure whichever you use has storage capacity.

A device to stabilize your recording device.

If you are using your smart phone or camera, you will want some sort of **Tripod**.

If you are using your computer, it is already stabilized but you will want to make sure the camera is eye level (use books or other means to prop up a laptop).

Access to a shared file or file transfer protocol platform.

Getting your file off of your phone can be the hardest part. Think about recording it in smaller sizes (turning the video off and on in between natural breaks). ***There are several basic options for transferring files:***

Hard wire - download them through a wired connection or a SD card inserted into your computer (or via a transfer device).

For IOS devices - **Airdrop** often works very well for transferring between a phone and computer.

Once the files are downloaded to your computer if they weren't recorded there, ***upload them to Google Drive or Dropbox*** to then send a link to them to your designated video editor. *Do the same thing with your original power point slides.*

Nice to have:

A microphone.

It is always best to have the audio directly feeding the phone or computer. We do not recommend earphones that have a microphone built in if possible*

A light.

You don't need to purchase a light, but always make sure to have light shining on your face more than backlighting you. It will help eliminate shadows on your face and make you appear more professional.

*While AirPods provide decent sound quality, they can distract from the recorded video image of you speaking. They are usually acceptable for conference calls / video chats.

Equipment Links

Tripods / Lights

SELFIE RING LIGHT WITH TRIPOD (\$32)

There are other versions available with the tripod, light and microphone as well. Or you can purchase the microphone below. If you do, make sure to still get the connector cord for the IOS phones.

If you only need a tripod (because you already have a light), here is a good choice:

PHOPIK LIGHTWEIGHT PHONE TRIPOD (\$21)

Amazon has several basic ones, you don't need anything much over \$20. We don't recommend the Amazon branded one (we've had several break).

Microphones

A microphone can make a huge difference, but you have to have the right connectors.

Start here for the microphone:

POWER DEWISE Professional Grade Lavalier Lapel Microphone (\$27)

Then:

For Iphones: make sure you have the right connector cord that will record audio. We recommend only the Apple certified products.

APPLE LIGHTNING TO 3.5 MM HEADPHONE JACK ADAPTER (\$9)

It comes with a 78" extra cord that should allow you enough space to place your phone/ tripod at a distance for you to be hard-wired but still allow for