

Equipment List for PI

The Short and Sweet Version

Students in the Professional Intensive program will use a variety of photographic gear throughout the program and their individual careers. The minimum equipment requirements are listed below with links to recommendations if you do not already own the gear. If you want to know more about why each piece of gear is necessary for PI, click here to read our [Equipment Information Guide](#).

Digital SLR camera body or an approved mirrorless interchangeable-lens digital camera body

There is no perfect camera for every photographer. If you do not own a camera already, please reach out to RMSP for a recommendation.

One normal lens

Again, there are so many lenses to choose from. If you do not own a lens, please reach out to us for a recommendation.

Equipment manual(s) for all equipment

Laptop computer

Minimum specifications:

Quad-core i7 (or AMD equivalent)

16GB of RAM

256GB of Internal SSD storage

Highly recommended – dedicated GPU (MX 150 or higher)

Please reach out to RMSP for a recommendation if you do not already own a laptop and would like help choosing the perfect one.

Three empty portable external hard drives

Easy solution is to buy one of each of these:

WD 4TB My Passport: <https://bhpho.to/3dVSTmQ>

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WD 6TB My Book Desktop: <https://bhpho.to/3cMQObA>

Memory card for your camera (minimum of one)

Secure Digital (SD): <https://bhpho.to/30kU0sv>

Compact Flash (CF): <https://bhpho.to/2UnIMRw>

Memory card reader (or slot on your laptop)

Lexar Professional USB 3.0 Dual-Slot Reader: <https://bhpho.to/2BG4bNT>

Flash drive (optional but often helpful)

SanDisk 64GB Ultra USB 3.0 Flash Drive: <https://bhpho.to/3eXN60c>

Monitor calibration tool

X-Rite i1 Display Studio: <https://bhpho.to/3h8IKFp>

Adobe Photography Plan (20GB) (includes Lightroom and Photoshop)

<https://www.adobe.com/creativecloud/photography.html>

Tripod Legs

Manfrotto MT190XPRO3 Aluminum Tripod: <https://bhpho.to/3h7oi84>

Tripod Head

Kirk BH-3 Ball Head: <https://bhpho.to/3cLcXqW>

Tethering cable for your camera

Use this tool and order the cable that it recommends: <https://www.tetherools.com/product-category/cables-adapters/>

Dedicated flash unit AND wireless trigger

Canon Flash: <https://bhpho.to/3h5gm7e>

Canon Trigger: <https://bhpho.to/2UDLVvx>

Nikon Flash: <https://bhpho.to/2YdKvsr>

Nikon Trigger: <https://bhpho.to/2BDMcro>

Sony Flash: <https://bhpho.to/3f1bz4N>

Sony Trigger: <https://bhpho.to/2ARS144>

Fuji Flash: <https://bhpho.to/2MCC3xu>

Fuji Trigger: <https://bhpho.to/2YhNMqR>

Paper for printing

Buy this once you arrive (you will receive recommendations)

Package of 8.5 x 11 archival photo sheet protectors in a three-ring binder or binder box

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Adobe Creative Suite (All Apps Plan)

You will need this after holiday break. It costs \$50/month. You will need it for about 6 months. Until then, purchase the Adobe Photography Plan for \$10/month.