School of Media and Journalism Equipment Room Policy

PURPOSE
The Equipment Room at UNC’s School of Media and Journalism (“School”) provides access to audio-visual equipment to students, staff and faculty (“User”) for exclusive use in instructional and curricular purposes.

ELIGIBILITY
In accordance with the University's Asset Management Department, equipment use is restricted to students enrolled in designated School courses at the time of check-out. To complete a reservation, Users must agree to the Equipment Room Policy posted in the Terms & Conditions step of the Connect2 booking process.

Students enrolled in School courses other than those designated for equipment use, or participating in a School sponsored event, may check out equipment based on availability and if authorized by a School instructor.

School faculty and staff may check out equipment based on availability.

Courses using the equipment room are as follows:

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DISTRIBUTION
The equipment room is located on the second floor of Carroll Hall in room 239. Users must pick up and return equipment to this location only, and only during posted hours. Only the equipment room manager or designee may check out equipment to approved Users. Equipment may not be removed from the equipment room by other staff, faculty or students. Equipment reservations are made and managed via online software, Connect2, at https://equipmentroom.mj.unc.edu.

EQUIPMENT ROOM HOURS
All check-outs and check-ins must be done during open hours, which are posted in Connect2. Leaving equipment in the hall outside of these hours is not permitted.

CHECKOUT PERIOD
The standard length of time a User may check out equipment is 72 hours. Some items and classes have longer checkout periods. Weekends do not factor into this period. The due date is automatically determined in Connect2. If the University is closed due to adverse weather or other factors beyond the School’s control, due dates will be shifted to the next business day without consequences to the User. User may not check out additional equipment until all items are either returned or renewed.
RESERVATIONS
Reservations are recommended for equipment check-out. Gear availability is not guaranteed without a reservation. To make a reservation, log in to Connect2 using your Onyen. Only authorized Users (see ELIGIBILITY) may make reservations. Users have access to specific equipment based on their Onyen and class registration.

RENEWALS
Renewals may be made online in Connect2. User is allowed a maximum of 3 renewals per booking. If an item is not renewed, or if another User books the item before being renewed, it must be returned to the equipment room by its due date.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURE
Reservations are highly recommended (see RESERVATIONS). A UNC One Card is required for pick-up. Reservations have a specific pick-up time. If User is unable to make the scheduled pick-up time, User must inform equipment room personnel at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled pick-up time or reservation will be cancelled and User may receive a warning.

We recommend that Users check equipment before leaving the equipment room.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURE
Equipment is due at a specific date and time. This is defined when the User makes a reservation and via a confirmation email. User may view this information by logging in to Connect2. User may return equipment before due date. User has a 30-minute window after due date to return equipment before the gear is marked late. Late returns may result in a warning.

Equipment room personnel inspect all gear for the following:
- All equipment must be returned in working order
- All accessories must be returned, including lens caps, body caps, cables and mounts
- Cases or bags must be clear of garbage or personal items
- Cables and cords must be untangled and properly wrapped
- User must properly disconnect or separate lenses, mics and cables

EQUIPMENT ROOM VIOLATIONS
Violations are actions made by a User that violate the Equipment Room Policy. Violations apply to the User who checked out the equipment.

User is permitted three warnings per semester before their equipment room privileges are revoked for the remainder of the semester.

The School reserves the right to revoke borrowing privileges of anyone who does not adhere to the Equipment Room Policy and Equipment User Agreement.

Violations may include, but are not limited to:
- Failure to arrive on time for a scheduled pick-up
- Returning equipment past the due date
- Failure to return untangled cords and cables
- Failure to properly care for equipment while checked out
- Failure to report damaged or lost gear

Users are financially responsible for equipment checked out in their name.

UNC HONOR CODE
As a condition of joining the Carolina community, Carolina students pledge “not to lie, cheat, or steal” and to hold themselves, as members of the Carolina community, to a high standard of academic and non-academic conduct while both on and off Carolina’s campus. This commitment to academic
integrity, ethical behavior, personal responsibility and civil discourse exemplifies the “Carolina Way”, and this commitment is codified in both the University’s Honor Code and in other University student conduct-related policies.

The complete UNC Honor Code is available at https://studentconduct.unc.edu/.