

Use of Technology in My Classroom

If I asked you to go shoot some B-Roll to put in your package would you have any idea what I'm talking about? Things like this and much more are taught in my Broadcasting class through the use of different forms of technology. As broadcasting students, we learn to use a plethora of video equipment, advance our knowledge in computer applications, and edit media using editing software.

Before we could demonstrate any talent we have in terms of directing and videography, we first had to understand how to use the video equipment. Students are required to learn to efficiently operate a video recording camera in order to shoot our specific video assignments. We also utilize different tools to pick up audio for our video; including wireless microphones, recording on the tri-caster, or using the boom microphone perhaps. Not only can we perform these tasks individually, but we can combine them into a full TV show production, which is recorded each Friday. This knowledge allows us to express ourselves in many ways that we couldn't have done so prior to this class.

Furthermore, we learn to better our computer application skills. Sending an attachment in an email is a simple task for most; but you'd be surprised at the number of people who don't have the slightest clue how to do this, and several other novice computer exercises. In broadcasting class, we are taught how to do an immense amount of jobs on the computer. In fact, most of our assignments are done through, and turned in using a computer. We get our assignments from links on our school website, email completed work in attachments to our teacher, move videos from PC to PC with a flash drive device, and we also type scripts for certain videos in Microsoft Word. It'd be hard to excel in the course if one couldn't work efficiently on a computer.

Lastly, after we have finished typing scripts and shooting, we use editing software called Premiere Pro to edit the media. We first import all of the different scenes from our camera's SD card into the software. Then, we can cut, paste, insert video transitions, change audio levels, and even include text in our videos. Afterwards, we export the edited media to a movie file, so it can be played on the computer and posted to the internet as desired. This software allows for a more creative, professional finished product.

All in all, the use of technology is a very important factor in being successful in broadcasting class. In fact, without the technology we use, we wouldn't get many benefits from the class at all. The things we are taught will, among other things, better prepare us for our careers we plan to pursue, and keep us up to par with a rapid technologically advancing society.