Computing Equipment in the LMC available to Faculty and Graduate Students

The LMC maintains a collection of equipment for faculty and TAs of the Division of World Languages, Literature and Cultures to borrow on a short-term basis, usually up to two weeks. If projects require a longer amount of time, we’ll be glad to discuss lending terms with you.

Our computer collection includes both Windows and Macintosh laptops. There are four PCs: two smaller Dell laptops and one older machine with StartStop software on it for transcribing audio texts, as well as an HP Mini Netbook. We have four MacBooks in different sizes. All of the laptops have a typical suite of software and Microsoft Office. If needed, we can install other software to accommodate projects.
**Computer Peripherals**

Besides computers, we also have a number of peripherals in our collection, such as external hard drives, an external DVD drive, computer cables, and USB flash drives in various sizes up to 16 GB. We have 3 portable data projectors, a Sony, an Epson and a Sharp. There are also Microsoft LifeCams to use with Skype, for example, and RemotePoint Navigators to use as presentation aids. For transferring photos from a camera card, we have an IOGear 12-in-1 Card Reader.

**Sound Booth in 679 PH**

Instructors wishing to use a sound-proof environment for recording, either for research data collection or for the preparation of high-quality digital program files such as listening tests, may use the recording booth in 679 Phillips Hall. A remodeling project in 679 PH will be completed by the end of 2012. Contact the LMC staff in 120 Phillips Hall to make a reservation for the sound booth.
Video and Audio Equipment

The LMC camcorder collection changes often as we try to accommodate user needs better. We have three Canon Mini-DV camcorders and two Canon HG-20’s with hard drives. The HG-20’s have proven especially popular, as are the three Flip UltraHD cameras we have, because it is so easy to transfer the digital files to a computer for further editing. The Canon cameras will switch from standard video capture to high definition capture if needed. All of our camcorders do well in a variety of light conditions and are able to record audio well. We also have a Canon still camera for photographs. For setting up the optimal camera position we have both mini-size tripods and full-size tripods.

Often it is useful to record audio alone for interviews and other research purposes. We have several audio recorders, which allow for transferring the digital files easily to computers. Please consult with us about your needs.

Computer Loaner Program

The LMC lends used computers, mostly PC laptops, to graduate students of the Division of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures on a longer-term basis of a semester or more. We have about 40 computers to loan. Please come and see us to ask about borrowing a computer.