

Camera makers are always changing models so the list below is not comprehensive. There are many discontinued models that would be appropriate for this class.

Don't hesitate to ask questions.

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Some have the ability to swap lenses. Some have a dedicated zoom lens.
Reviews for most are at dpreview.com, dcresource.com, and/or steves-digicams.com
Reviews can also be found elsewhere online and in photography magazines.

It is suggested that you find a way to actually handle the model you are interested in before buying it. A camera should “feel right.” Some are quite small (look larger online)

All have RAW file capability - required for the class.
All have full Manual Mode - required for the class.
Zoom size, lens size, file size are often standard on a given model. There is no specific requirement for these parameters for this class.
A suitable tripod is recommended - extending to at least 5 feet and holding 3-4 pounds.
A storage card of at least 1gig is recommended. The 32MB storage card shipped with most of these cameras is useless.

The most popular cameras (among my students) are marked by an asterisk.

In alphabetical order.

* any Canon Digital Rebel – X, XT, Xti, XS, T1i, etc

*Canon EOS 40 D

Canon EOS 50 D

Fujifilm FinePix HS10

Fujifilm FinePix S200EXR

Kodak EasyShare P880

*Nikon D40

*Nikon D60

Nikon D80

Nikon D3000

Nikon D5000

Olympus Evolt E-510

Sony Alpha DSLR-A290

Sony Alpha DSLR-A390

Sony Alpha DSLR-A550