

Tracey's Favorite Course Creation Tools

Audio Tools

My favorite microphone is the [ATR-2100](#). It is what I use for my courses and podcast. It is a dynamic mic so it doesn't pick up all of the noise in the room and it is crisp and clean. Plus it is well under \$100!

The ATR-2100 comes with a short little mic stand but having a mic on the table means you need to be super careful about bumping the table. So I recommend a boom arm. I love this one with the [shock mount](#) included.

If you choose a different boom arm you will want to make sure that you also get a [shock mount](#). It makes a big difference.

A pop filter makes eliminates the sound of hard p's in your speech. There are a couple of different styles. You can get the [spongy kind](#), or the [screen](#).



Your best bet is to get this bundle where you get all of the above and the whole thing is under \$100. [ATR-2100 Bundle with mic, boom arm, shock mount and pop filter](#).

Webcam:

There are many options for webcams and the Logitech brand is highly rated. This [c922 model](#) is under \$100 and has advanced technology for green screen backgrounds if you want to have tons of fun with video. There are other choices around the same price range.

Lighting:

I absolutely love my light kit from [Limo Studios](#). I can tell the difference in what I look like with and without it. It makes me look younger and smoother and I would pay big dollars for that, but this is one of the cheapest options and it's great.

Backdrop:

There are unlimited options for [backdrop patterns](#) but there is nothing wrong with solids. They are less distracting and make you the center of attention, as you should be. Gray is a great option.

Don't forget the [stand to hold it up](#) if you don't have a wall to attach it to.

Screencast:

When it comes to screencast software, I truly believe the best option for the beginner is [Screencast-o-Matic](#). There is a free version but the deluxe version is only \$15/year.