

Prac Exercise 1: Basic Camera

Get into groups of 3 or 4 and do as many exercises below as you have time for.

1. Check over the camera and become familiar with its functions.
2. Note in particular how to format the camera and how to select the HD SP setting in widescreen format.
3. Practise putting up and taking down the tripod a couple of times, making sure it is level, using the baseplate and undoing and doing up the clamps. Establish a procedure so you don't lose the baseplate screw. Become efficient and quick at this task.
4. View *Setting up Tripod* in the Techniques folder of Cinematography in the DVD of Screen Media to revise (inside the Resources folder).
5. View the *Performing Handheld* clip.
6. Practice focusing the lens. Choose a point of focus in the distance. Zoom in and focus. Zoom out. Your point of focus is now set on this object.
7. Combine a pan and a tilt, using a person as a moving subject or panning over a landscape.
8. Hand hold on a figure moving towards camera as the camera person is moving backwards Have someone guide you so you don't fall over.
9. Test how close to the camera you can film something without it going out of focus.
10. Bring your footage back to the prac lab and capture a series of shots.