

Gratuitous Gift Guides

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Gone are the days when clunky old game consoles or avocados as presents made kids smile from ear to ear with unadulterated joy and gratitude. These days even the latest of gadgets and the most delicately handcrafted item could be scoffed at or easily forgotten by the spoiled youth of today. But enough about that, this gift guide is for all the beloved caffeine-fueled, sleep deprived communication arts students in our lives.

- ★ A pocket planner - For the people who like to keep their movie dates and deadlines organized in one neat notebook. This beauty is from shopninaandbelle at Etsy and comes at the friendly price of P320.
- ★ A portable white balance card set - This handy dandy little tool is for the aspiring photographer and though it clocks it at around P500 in stores, with a little resourcefulness you can easily create your own.
- ★ A classy camera strap - Because you never know what you're missing out on until you try one of these. A vintage strap like this by TARION comes at a comfy price of P410 from Amazon.
- ★ A camera lens thermos - Ah, the ever cliché but somehow always endearing gag coffee mug. Get these for the people who need endless streams of caffeine to sustain them through their late night cramming for only P600 in online stores.
- ★ A wireless shutter release - A small luxury for aspiring photographers that doesn't necessarily have to cost you a kidney to get your hands on. There are many models for different cameras and this one for Nikon comes just a little over P500.
- ★ A lapel microphone - No one can deny the magic of crisp, clear audio especially in the midst of big crowds. A mic like this will prove an indispensable ally for aways under P600.
- ★ A neck pillow - In case I haven't mentioned sleep deprivation enough, there's this beauty. Sleep almost anywhere? You can do just for about P500 to P1000. Comfort truly does come at a price.
- ★ A flexible mini tripod - Though slightly alarming at first sight, this doodad is actually quite versatile. It can go from holding your DSLR to your phone to your GoPro for the angles that a normal tripod just can't quite get for around P700.
- ★ A good pair of earphones - Many people underestimate the importance of a good solid music experience. For a music-loving-student-on-the-go who constantly have their hands full, these no tangle Bluetooth earphones are just the thing at P900.
- ★ A rapid ramen cooker - And finally a perfect partner for pulling all-nighters, gaming binges, or plain old midnight snacks. This microwave miracle costs you only P500.

BONUS:

- ★ BuzzFeed's Social Sabotage - A ridiculously funny game that pokes fun at our carefully crafted online profiles by posting or sending random messages, photos, or captions using our sacred social media accounts. Buy this hilarity and watch your friends cringe for the very worthy price of P1,260.