Using the Nikon Coolpix L11 still camera

Notes

- Cameras can be checked out from the ETC Help Desk in Lindquist Center for 48 hours. You must have a University ID and be a College of Education student to check out cameras.
- Make sure to get fresh batteries when you check out the camera. Turn on the camera. If the battery power is low a warning icon is displayed in the upper right corner of the viewfinder.
- Images to be used on the web should be recorded as 640 by 480 pixel JPEG files. Make sure the Image Mode is set to TV. “TV” is displayed in the lower left of the viewfinder (See step 2 below).
- For more information on other features, check out the manual from the ETC Help Desk.

Prepare camera

1. Press the On/Off button to turn on the power.
2. Check the image mode setting in the lower right of the viewfinder. Use TV Normal mode. To set image mode:
   - Press the Menu button.
   - Use the multi-selector button on the back of the camera to select Image Mode and press OK.
   - Scroll to TV (640x480) and press OK.
Check flash mode icon in the upper right of the viewfinder. Change the flash mode with the Multi-selector button on the back of the camera. Press OK to set the flash mode.

- No icon = auto (flash will go off if needed)
- Eye icon = red-eye reduction (multiple flashes before the picture is taken)
- Barred circle icon = no flash (the flash will NOT go off, regardless of light conditions. Use this for “natural” light conditions. Be careful to keep the camera steady.)
- Lightning bolt icon = “forced” flash (the flash will go off, regardless of light conditions. Use this for backlit situations.)
- Bolt and box icon = Slow sync. The shutter will open long enough to capture background, then the flash will go off to capture the subject.

Experiment to see if you like the results.

- NOTE: With the flash turned off shutter speed may be slow enough to cause a blurred picture. If you see a red hand icon you probably should use a tripod or other support to prevent unwanted camera movement.

3. The viewfinder will show (in this illustration, clockwise from the upper left):

- Shooting mode (Auto)
- Memory (IN icon = 32MB)
- Low battery (no icon = battery is strong)
- Flash mode (no icon = automatic)
- Space left in memory (number of pictures)
- Image size (TV = 640x480. Used for web pictures)
- Focus area (brackets in the center of the viewfinder)
**Take pictures**

1. Frame the shot. The zoom lever is at the top of the back of the camera. Remember: Get Close! Fill the frame with your subject. Avoid distracting backgrounds.

2. Focus. Press the shutter button half-way. When the camera is focused, the focus area brackets in the center of the frame will turn green and AF (Auto Focus) will appear at the top of the viewfinder.

3. Shoot. Press the trigger fully. The camera will record the picture.

4. Review shot. Press the Play button under the multifunction button. Use the zoom lever to magnify or reduce the image, and the multifunction button to show different areas of the image.

5. To delete a picture, press the Trash button, then select Yes and press OK.

**Use images**

Use a USB cable to connect the camera to a computer. The camera will appear as a disk.