

Note Taking Strategies

Cornell Note Taking Method

<p>Cues About 2.5"</p> <p>Write down questions you have as you're taking notes</p>	<p>Notes About 6"</p> <p>You can record them as a paragraph, outline, or bullet points</p>
<p>Summary About 2"</p>	<p>Summarize in 2-3 sentences</p>

Cornell notes is a proven system for taking notes during lecture, reading a textbook, or reading online sources.

The overall theme of the system is that you record notes during the lecture, record cues to draw your attention to important points from the day, and summarize the information.

Each requires different parts of the brain as well as higher order thinking, which, when done correctly, will lead to greater understanding and learning.

- Notes: what the professor says and what is put on the board. It should capture the gist of what is said and the important details. You can write the notes like a paragraph, in bullet points, or like an outline. Use whichever format you prefer
- Cues: questions and comments, usually do this after you take notes. It can help identify things you still need to study. The questions and/or comments will help you remember and organize the material. The questions can be used in a session with a tutor as well.
- Summary: what did you learn today? You should be able to write that in a few sentences. Being able to go between details (from your notes) to the “big picture” will help you understand the material more fully.¹



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¹ Cornell University. n.d. "The Cornell Note Taking System – Learning Strategies Center." Cornell University. <https://lsc.cornell.edu/how-to-study/taking-notes/cornell-note-taking-system/>.