

✓ Your Notetaking Know-How

Assess your lecture notetaking skills by circling the appropriate response to the following questions. Be honest with yourself; you deserve it!

- | | 1 = usually | 2 = sometimes | 3 = rarely |
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| 1. | When I review my notes, I have trouble finding the main point of the lecture. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 2. | My notebook is a mess. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 3. | I sometimes lose notes, handouts or other important papers from my notebook. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 4. | I rarely take notes in class. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 5. | I don't know what to write down during a lecture; either everything seems Important or nothing seems important. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 6. | I doodle or draw random pictures in my notebook. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 7. | I cannot organize my notes into an outline, flow chart or idea web | 1 | 2 3 |
| 8. | My notes tend to be jammed together. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 9. | I never re-write my notes. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 10. | It is difficult for me to keep up with the organization of a lecture. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 11. | I use both sides of a sheet of paper for my class notes. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 12. | I can't keep up with the lecturer because he/she talks too fast. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 13. | My attention wanders in class and I miss some of the lecture. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 14. | I only look at my notes before a test or a quiz. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 15. | I usually just borrow a classmate's notes to get ready for a quiz or test. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 16. | My notes are hard to study from. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 17. | Technical terms are often misspelled in my notes. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 18. | I rarely read my previous notes before a lecture. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 19. | When I look at my notes a few days after a lecture, nothing looks familiar. | 1 | 2 3 |
| 20. | I rarely create test questions from class notes. | 1 | 2 3 |

subtotals: __ + __ + __

Total: _____

A score of **50-60** indicates strong note taking skills. Your classmates can learn from you!

A score of **35-49** indicates room to improve your note taking skills. Small changes make a big difference!

A score of **20-34** indicates weak note taking skills. Make an appointment in the Learning Center for some assistance in implementing some tried-and-true techniques.