

## Notetaking Self Assessment



In order to do well on tests and papers, as well as get the most out of your college experience, it is essential to utilize a variety of skills during each class.

Below is a list of skills that will come in handy in the classroom. Put a checkmark next to each skill that you often use during your classes. Then consider those skills that do not have a checkmark next to them. Would this skill be useful to you? If so, try to use it during your next class.

1. **I prepare for each class by completing, annotating, and taking notes on the required readings.**
  
2. **While listening to a lecture, I focus on the *ideas* expressed in the lecture, in addition to the facts and data the professor gives us.**
  
3. **I try to understand the purpose and “big ideas” within each lecture – summarizing them for myself as I go, asking questions when I’m unclear or need clarification.**
  
4. **I tend to always take notes on the main points and important details of each lecture.**
  
5. **My class notebook/binder is well-organized, neat, and easy to read – I keep everything there that’s related to the course.**
  
6. **I always sit near the front of the classroom and listen carefully.**
  
7. **I participate in class discussion regularly, asking questions and making comments.**
  
8. **I am alert and energetic during class - I’m good at staying focused through the entire lecture.**
  
9. **I make connections between the instructor’s lecture, the assigned readings/projects, and what I already know.**
  
10. **I work well with my classmates in groupwork that requires us to respond to the day’s lecture directly.**