



Cornell Note Taking Method Tip Sheet

What is the Cornell note taking method?

The Cornell Note Taking method is a way to organize notes that helps students structure the content they cover in lectures and provides a blueprint for review. The table below provides an example of how to divide your paper into sections and what to include in each section.

The notes column on the right side of the page is used to record information from the lecture as you normally would. Use the cues section on the left side of the page to jot down quick facts and important information to be revisited later. After the lecture, use the summary row at the bottom of the page to condense and rephrase the most important content from your lecture.

Example of the Cornell note taking method table

Cues	Notes
<p>In point form, include the following items as they come up in a lecture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main ideas• Questions about the content• Definitions• Areas to review• Due dates• Page numbers	<p>Use this space to take notes as you normally would during a lecture. Use abbreviations, lists, or shorthand symbols in order to be concise.</p> <p>Leave some space between points so you can fill in any missing information when you're reviewing your notes after class.</p>
Summary	<p>After the lecture, summarize your notes in your own words using this space. Use this area as a quick reference section and to review content so it stays fresh in your mind during the semester.</p>