

Self-Assessment

Answer "Yes" or "No" to the following questions about your note-taking strategy:

- 1. Do you have a note taking style or strategy?
- 2. Do you try to write down everything your professor says in class?
- 3. Do you rely on photographs or audio recordings instead of taking notes in class?
- 4. Do you try to separate the main points from supporting information?
- 5. Are you able to read and understand your notes when you review/study?
- 6. Do you preview course content before class?
- 7. Do you wait at least 24 hours to review and edit/revise/review your notes after class?
- 8. Do you find that you are missing information in your notes when it comes time to study or create study materials?
- 9. Have you ever tried to tweak or revamp your note-taking style?
- 10. Do you count on getting notes from others at test-prep time instead of taking your own notes?

Give yourself one point for each Yes answer to questions 1, 4, 5, 6, and 9 and each No answer to questions 2, 3, 7, 8 and 10. If you score high, you are already using good note-taking strategies. Low scores need improvement in their note-taking approach. Any scoring below 10, however, indicates room for improvement.