Taking Lecture Notes
Advice from Students

M. Do not miss a lecture, ever, no matter what. Read the chapter before the lecture and bring coffee. Professors don't care if you bring a whole gallon if it helps you keep alert.

Prince Reading the chapter once before the lecture helps you understand the material and stay interested in the lecture. Also, try to stick around in the lecture room after class and fill in what you missed or left out.

Kesha I try to read before the lecture, but if not, I just bring my book to class and highlight what the professor talks about.

Erika Always sit in front and just keep taking notes. Try to write throughout the entire lecture.

Melissa I outline my notes as I am taking them and then later I highlight important headers.

Sanobeia It's better to pay attention and write good notes in class, rather than taping lectures. Also, highlight headings in the notes because when you are studying for an exam, then you can immediately pick out important information you need to know.

Belia I use the Cornell Method for taking notes. In my notebook, before class, I draw a line, making a 1 1/2-inch margin on the left. Then I take notes on the right side of the paper and add questions pertaining to the notes on the left.

Evelyn I underline main topics, definitions, and anything the professor repeats or emphasizes.

Kamilah If you miss class, get notes from someone you know is a good note taker.

Information from the University of Illinois at Chicago http://www.vcsa.uic.edu/MainSite/departments/ace/home/study_tips.htm