

# **Cornell Notes Method**

The Cornell method is a simple, structured way to take notes. It keeps your notes organized, easy to review, and doubles as an effective study guide.

# Divide the Page

- Use loose-leaf paper and draw a vertical line about 2" from the left margin.
- · Write on one side of page only.

## 2 Document

 At the top of each page, include your name, course, date, and page number.

Date:

## Name:

Course:

Recall Column (2.5")

Notes Column (6")

#### Key Words

## 3 Record Notes

During lectures, write key ideas in the *Notes Column* (right side).

Reword key concepts and definitions.

- Use your own words.
- Skip lines between topics.
- Use abbreviations or symbols instead of full sentences.
- Write definitions clearly.

Record recall cues



After class, review your notes

- · Fill in missing details
- Compare with the textbook or classmates' notes.
- Write keywords and main concepts in the Recall Column (left side).

# 5 Summarize

At the bottom of each page, briefly summarize the main ideas from the lecture.

Use your summaries and Recall Column to quiz yourself and reinforce learning.

# The 5 R Study System

Studying with the Cornell method works well using the 5 R Study System. It can help you organize, retain, and understand lecture material more effectively.

#### 1. Record

- During the lecture, write down key facts and ideas in the Notes Column.
- Be thorough and write legibly.

### 2. Reduce

- Soon after class, summarize the main ideas in the Recall Column.
- This helps clarify concepts, strengthen memory, and prepare you gradually for exams.

#### 3. Recite

- Cover the Notes Column and use only your Recall Column to test yourself.
- Recite the material in your own words, then check for accuracy.
- This process helps move information into your long-term memory.

#### 4. Reflect

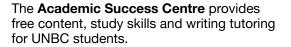
- Think deeply about what you've learned.
- Make connections, resolve contradictions, and relate new information to what you already know.



#### 5. Review

- Spend about 10 minutes each week reviewing your notes.
- Regular review helps you retain information and apply it more effectively over time.





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