

The Cornell Note-taking System¹

On a sheet of note paper draw lines to divide the paper as below.

Have a number of sheets available during class lectures or while reading a textbook.

2.5” Cue Column	6” Note-taking Column
Summary <p data-bbox="246 1655 1509 1803">After class or after finishing a chapter, use this space at the bottom of each page to summarize the notes on that page. Summarizing (i.e. restating material in a much shorter space) requires distinguishing primary from supporting ideas and the relationships among main points. This is good critical thinking practice and helps clarify your understanding.</p>	2”

¹ Adapted from [How to Study in College 7/e](#) by Walter Pauk, 2001 Houghton Mifflin Company

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Course or text

Lecture or chapter

Date

Cue Column

Note-taking Column

Summary