

APSU Writing Center

Charting Note-Taking Method

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- Uses charts to classify information within rows & columns.
- Helps map out factual statistics or other information that can be categorized into tables.
- Allows for easy comparisons between different topics.

Charting Note-Taking Example from LearningHub:

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How?	Advantages	Disadvantages	When to use it?
Set up your paper in columns and label appropriate headings.	Helps pull out most relevant information.	Can be hard system to use during a lecture.	If you'll be tested on facts and relationships.
Headings could categories covered in the lecture.	Reduces amount of writing.	Not a lot of room to write.	If content is heavy and presented quickly.
Insert information (words, phrases, main ideas, etc.) into appropriate category	Provides easy review for memorizing facts and studying comparisons and relationships.	Need to know the content that will be covered beforehand.	If you want to get an overview of the whole lecture on one sheet of paper.

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Method	Description	Application	Pros	Cons	
MAIN TOPIC:					
NAME: COURSE: DATE:					

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Method	Benefits	Drawbacks	Opinons			