

# Class notes sharing



## Why Should Students Share Notes?

An excellent way for students to learn from each other is to set up a class notes discussion board on Canvas and make this an opportunity for students to earn a bit of extra credit. It also will **support students who need class notes for a variety of reasons**, including as an accommodation, if they missed class due to illness, and more!

As you likely remember from your academic days, note sharing is common. However, it's **typically only afforded to those who have the social capital to connect** with classmates, which means it often leaves out those who may need it the most.

Sharing class notes as a group can **help create community** in your class while supporting students at the same time! Students can fill in the blanks and share what they heard differently. You may even be able to see where they aren't quite understanding certain points.

## How Can Students Share Notes?

Probably the easiest way is to set up a **Canvas Discussion Board and add it to your weekly modules**. eLearning can support you in other creative ways, such as using the Class Notebook.

You may choose to **give extra credit** for this student work, or simply add it as a way to share. You won't want to make it a for-credit assignment for everyone, since **not all students are able to take notes** in a traditional manner. A sample assignment is included below.

We've included a short, animated video to introduce the topic to your class, after which you can let them know how you'll be implementing the class notes sharing. Let us know how it goes!

## Sample Weekly Discussion Board Assignment

Purpose: to learn from each other as you share your class notes.

Tasks:

1. Each week, add the notes you've taken in class to the discussion.
2. Reply to your classmates if you heard things differently!
3. If everyone seems confused about a topic, let me know.

Criteria: You'll earn \_\_\_ extra credit points for each weekly post that contains useful notes from class lectures and discussions. And, of course, you'll enjoy the benefits that come from learning from and supporting your classmates!

## Animated Video

Share or embed this video to encourage participation: <https://vimeo.com/749213140/02cab8429f>