

Learning Development

1. Developing independent study skills

Read the guidance from **Palgrave Study Skills website** about making notes, and then review the **note-taking systems** described on the Cal Poly website.

Think about the note-taking strategies you use, and how effective you find them. Could you use any aspects of the strategies outlined above to improve your notes?

2. Time management

Complete **Activity 1** in the UCAS study skills guide on time management. Then read **Getting into the study mindset** for tips on managing your time. What tips will you use as a new student to ensure you manage your time wisely?

3. Identifying and understanding arguments

Have a go at Exercises 1 and 2 in the UCAS Study skill guide **How to present an argument**. If you are interested in finding out more about critical thinking and different types of argument, complete the online activity **Critical thinking: an introduction**. Think about how you can use these ideas to structure your own arguments in future.