

What?

This is a note taking system supported by the book 'Make it Stick'. (See study skill section for more details.) What do you need to do? Build a set of revision notes. Improve your ability to memorise. As part of your work outside class, define, apply and review the main economics concepts

Why?

- 1. Revision guide (the best!)**
- 2. Improves ability to memorise**
- 3. Improves 'answerability'**

How?

- Use syllabus. Each item is numbered. E.g. **Item 3** is the key 9 concepts in the course
- Handwrite everything on large index cards.
- DO NOT cram information onto the cards. It is easier to remember if the information is clustered for easy recall. If necessary use a second card for the syllabus item.
- One model for the index card is the 4 square/quadrant on page 2 below or design your own backside for the cards. See samples on page 3:
 - Definition
 - Example
 - Diagram, chart or any non-linguistic representation
 - Your choice: Translation, additional example, application to a real world situation or an IB exam question etc.

¹ Updated September 7 for 2020 syllabus.

* Note that you can also collaborate on electronic flashcards (terms and definitions only) to help you review vocabulary. Try Cerego.com

Webnote 94 : Flash Cards for Notetaking²

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How to take notes in economics?

Syllabus
Number e.g.
3a

Question
(use syllabus questions):

- Use an index card(s) for each question in the syllabus

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Reverse side of index card has the answer:

Definition (s)	Diagram or table
Example(s)	ANSWER

² You can also use an IBQ in one of these boxes or a translation into your mother tongue, another example, exam question. Be flexible. It is designed to suit how you learn. **You decide!**

Other alternatives for 'answer' to syllabus question (make your own changes as you need!)

Key Arguments:	Key Diagram
	Key Calculation/Example

Advantages:	Disadvantages:
1. . 2. . 3. .	1. . 2. . 3. .
Answer:	Diagram:
make a decision whether advantages or disadvantages are more important.	

Summary Notes of main ideas

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Keywords
review of
summary:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

YOU DECIDE.....USE YOUR OWN FORMAT TO
MAKE THE BEST NOTES THAT YOU CAN

.....MEMORIZE

.....EFFECTIVELY +

How do you take your notes for your process portfolio?

1. Read and write notes on the cards to answer the syllabus questions?

or

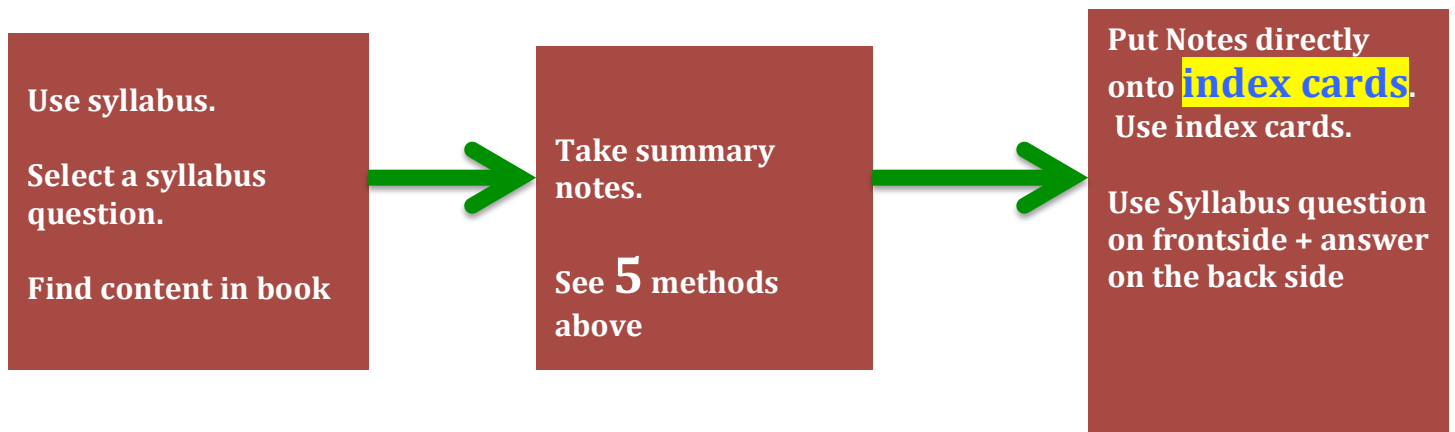
2. Read, Take summary notes and then build your Question and Answer cards. 5 Notetaking methods see:

<https://www.ibstudyskills.com/uploads/1/2/3/3/12332158/202-notetaking-5methods.pdf>

Notetaking Model 1



Notetaking Model 2



Advice! Use the weighting system in the syllabus to save you Time. Take enough notes to 'Answer' the question.

Weighting:

How much detail do you need in your Notes? Read this carefully. It Will save you valuable time. Each syllabus item requires at least ONE index card but the higher the number the more detail you need. Be sure to include diagrams at every opportunity. This is important to improve your 'answerability'.

1 = define

2 = define + example

3 = define +example + diagram

4 = important concept requiring ability to explain + analyse

5 = critical concept requiring ability to evaluate/discuss

NB Advice

Index card notetaking:

1. **1** card for each question in the syllabus
2. put the number of each syllabus item on your cards
3. follow the weighting advice **(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)** that is marked next to each question in the syllabus.