

# Take Notes From the Pros

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## ***The New York Times:***

When it comes to taking lecture notes, Laura Gayle, a sophomore at Florida State University, has her methods. A smiley face connotes an important person. If the professor says, “Make sure you know this,” she uses an asterisk. A triangular button signals a video clip played in class. Later, she will organize the notes, write a video summary and check uncertainties against the textbook or with the professor. For “Introduction to Classical Mythology,” she’ll even alphabetize a list of Greek gods and goddesses.

Then, a few days before the exam, she puts it all up for sale.

Since last fall, when she uploaded her macroeconomics notes ontoFlashnotes.com to pay for a birthday gift for her mother, Ms. Gayle has sold more than 500 copies of the study guides that she’s put together for her courses, made over \$3,285 and tapped into a growing, if controversial, online marketplace.

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