NOTETAKING:

The following Free or Low-Cost Assistive Technology programs, software, websites, and apps focus on different forms of Notetaking Support.

Evernote

Features:

- A one-stop place to collect notes, files, web clippings, and images with the ability to access them on virtually any device
- Collect and find your information easily
- A tool for researching, planning events and everyday organizational use
- Collaborate with others on projects using the sharing features
- More Information: Evernote Website
- Cost: Free or monthly subscription for Personal and Professional version
- Compatibility: Windows; Mac; iOS; Android

GoodNotes

Features:

- Digital note taking applications that allows users to personalize their notes, organize, record audio, access notes on multiple devices, and more
- Limitless version includes handwriting recognition and importing documents
- More Information: GoodNotes Website
- Cost: Free for 3 notebooks and $9.99/year for unlimited
- Compatibility: iOS, Mac

iAnnotate

Features:

- Annotate PDF, Word Doc, PowerPoint, and image files with this app

- Use the typewriter, pen, highlighter, stamp, note, underline, photo, voice and other tools to annotate your document
- Import PDFs or compress and export for secured sharing with others
- More Information: iAnnotate Website
- Cost: $9.99
- Compatibility: iOS

Microsoft OneNote

Features:

- Take all your notes in OneNote by typing, writing with a touchscreen, importing pictures, video, web links, and other resources
- Ability to record your lecture with this program
- Divide up your classes and work by notebook, section, and pages
- Using OneDrive online, share your OneNote document for others to work on and interact with
- Search your notes for the ability to easily find what you need
- More Information: OneNote Website
- Cost: Free with an Office account
- Compatibility: Windows; Mac; iOS; Android

Notability

Features:

- Write, type, or annotate using highlighters your notes using the all-in-one notetaking app
- Ability to take pictures and audio record with the sound being linked to your notes
- Use Google Drive, Dropbox and Box to import, export and share documents such as PowerPoints and take notes directly on them
- Organize all your notes in one place
- More Information: Notability Website
- Cost: Free and Plus version with annual subscription
- Compatibility: Mac; iOS

Note Board

Features:

- A web application that creates a note-taking board to gather notes
- Ability to upload PDFs, Docs, images, and website links (varies between demo and premium version)
- Create multiple note-taking boards
- Collaborate with others by sharing your note-taking board
- Customizable background and note style
- More information: Note Board Website
- Cost: Free for Basic and $3/month for Premium
- Compatibility: Online Resource; Chrome and Edge extension

Notebook - Notes, To-do, Journal

Features:

- Create personalized notebooks with customizable style settings
- Insert audio recordings up to 30 minutes and supplemental images within your notes
- Allows for drawing, tagging notebooks for easy navigation, adding to-do list items, and setting reminders
- More information: Notebook Website
- Cost: Free for Notebook Essential and $19.99/year subscription for Notebook Pro
- Compatibility: iOS; Android; Mac; Windows; Online Resource

Noted.

Features:

- Note taking application with a time-stamped audio recording feature synced with typed notes
- Draw, record, type, or dictate notes
- Export, import, and adjust notes, documents, and recordings within the app
- More information: Noted Website
- Cost: Free for Noted Basic and Noted+ at a subscription cost
- Compatibility: iOS: Mac, iPhone, iPad, apple watch

Obsidian

Features:

- Private note-taking app that allows users to connect their notes to each other
- Users can link between their notes and through the graph feature they can "visualize the relationship between [their] notes" (Obsidian, 2024)
- Includes a brainstorming space called Canvas
- More information: Obsidian Website
- Cost: Free
- Compatibility: Windows, iOS, Android, Mac, Linux

Simplenote

Features:

- Distraction free note taking platform
- Works across devices
- Create searchable notes and to do lists
- More information: Simplenote Website
- Cost: Free
- Compatibility: iOS, Android, Mac, Windows, Linux

UpNote

Features:

- Distraction free note-taking space that can hide menu items and other distractions while taking notes through focus mode
- Users can create custom notes with different themes, fonts, colors, highlighting options and more
- Additional features available in the premium version
- More information: UpNote Website

- Cost: Free or $1.99/month
- Compatibility: Mac, Windows, Linux, iOS, Android

YiNote

Features:

- Take notes while watching videos
- Generate a PDF of notes
- Includes timestamps of notes
- By clicking on the timestamps generated with the notes, this will take you to the exact place in the video the note was taken
- Ability to watch videos with multiple people at the same time with the same notes
- More information: YiNote Website
- Cost: Free
- Compatibility: Chrome, Firefox, and Edge extension