Notetaking Technology/Apps

Notability

o Audio record lectures; recordings sync in real-time with your notes
o Clean, minimalistic design
o Type notes or handwrite with your iPad stylus
o Annotate slides or PDFs using stylus
o Combine audio, slides, and your own notes
o Convert your handwritten notes to typed text
o Save your notes and audio to iCloud
o Use Apple's text-to-speech feature to read notes back to you

How to acquire: Download for free on Digital Flagship iPad; (Non-DF students can request from SLDS)
Training: Schedule training with a Digital Flagship Tech Tutor
Resources: Notability Tutorials

Microsoft OneNote

o Audio record lectures; recordings sync in real-time with your notes
o Access the service via web browser or app
o Type notes or handwrite with your iPad stylus
o Annotate slides or PDFs using stylus
o Combine audio, slides, and your own notes
o Save your notes and audio to a cloud
o Convert your handwritten notes to typed text
o Utilize built-in text-to-speech software to read notes back to you

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Training: Schedule training with a Digital Flagship Tech Tutor
Resources: Start Using OneNote ; OneNote Training

Glean

o Audio record lectures; recordings sync in real-time with your notes
o Clean, minimalistic design
o Quick-tag notes for headings, tasks, etc.
o Have the option to access by Google Chrome browser or mobile app
o Combine audio, PDF slides, and your own typed notes in one place
o Save your notes and audio to a cloud

How to acquire: Contact your Access Specialist
Training: Schedule training with SLDS Assistive Technology Team
Resources: Get Started with Glean; Glean Demo Video

LiveScribe Smart Pen

o Handwrite notes on paper with a digital pen
o Use companion app to create digital copy of notes and audio record lectures; recordings sync in real-time with your notes
o Clean, minimalistic design
o Save notes on local device or to a cloud

How to acquire: Contact your Access Specialist
Training: Schedule training with SLDS Assistive Technology Team
Resources: Getting Started with Smart Pens; Smart Pen Tutorial

Comparison Table: Notetaking Technology/Apps

Features	Notability	Microsoft OneNote	Glean	LiveScribe Smart Pen
Platform	App	App, Web browser	App, Chrome web browser	Physical device (pen) and companion app
Methods for taking notes	Typing or digital handwriting (stylus)	Typing or digital handwriting (stylus)	Typing	Handwriting
What can be used to take notes?	iPad stylus/keyboard	iPad stylus/keyboard, laptop	iPad keyboard, laptop	Smart Pen/notebooks + iOS/Android device
Audio recordings sync in real-time with your notes	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clean, minimalistic design	✓		✓	✓
Can convert handwritten notes to typed text	✓	✓		
Annotate slides or PDFs with words or drawings	✓	✓		
Import slides and sync audio clips with slides			✓	
Quick tag notes (headings, important items, to-dos)			✓	
Text-to-speech function to read notes back to you	✓	✓		
Make to-do lists within the software		✓		
Storage	Cloud	Cloud	Cloud	Local device or cloud
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