Making Notes in Lectures

Student 1
Some people go through, erm, the lecture and make their own notes and then use the hand-out we get given separately to that. Whereas, I like to sit in the lecture and I’ll just add bits to the handout, sort of comments to clarify it. And then, that then gives me space to go over and look at it and then in my own time I tend to learn best by writing things out myself. So, I’ll have my own set of notes prepared from the handouts using things that I have annotated and I’ll add the information from the PowerPoint on to that in my own time which does take a lot of time, but it then means it makes it much easier to learn for the actually exams and it’s just about learning a lot of content, my subject.

Student 2
All of our lectures tend to print out their lecture notes so most of mine, I don’t really like, er, using the laptop to take notes. I find that I pay less attention, er, and I just like annotating the notes with hand. I use, er, three colours. Erm, so, I have, like, one colour for important add-ons, er, so sometimes lecture notes will be a bit brief and you just want to fill in extra bits of information. Er, I use, like, a red pen for my lecturer’s opinion, and then the green stuff is stuff that you don’t really use for studying, but it’s just interesting.

Student 3
A bit of a mixture, I think the lecture notes I do use my computer because it’s faster, erm, often I kind of just, quickly type out what they are saying and then go back and edit it afterwards. I think something that I started doing when I arrived was, and, kind of stopped quite quickly, was being really perfectionist about my written notes, so that I think is why I mainly switched.