

**How has listening to the audio lectures improved your learning?
Please provide a specific example if possible.**

Given Answers

Especially good when lectures have been missed due to animal handling time table clashes or medical appointments.

They have been very useful for me when I've been writing up my lecture notes and come across a bit that I didn't understand, or didn't have time to write down. They're especially useful for fast-paced lectures, as you don't always have time to write down everything the lecturer says, so a second chance to listen to it is very useful. One example of when I found the audios particularly useful was in an embryology lecture where we had a diagram that I didn't really understand because the lecture was going quite fast, so I came back to it using the audio and was able to understand it by taking it slowly (its useful being able to pause the lecture when you need time to write things down).

It has helped reinforce certain points mentioned that I missed out for some reason

Not really as you never know when they are moving onto another slide especially if they go off on a tangent and begin talking about another subject not on the slides themselves.

I have found the audio lectures really helpful especially when I have been going through complicated processes in Embryology as you can't always get all of the detail written down in the lecture. I've also found them good when going back over my notes especially if I don't remember or can't understand certain parts. I tend to pick out the bits from the recording rather than play the whole thing back.

It has greatly improved my learning as I often have trouble getting all the notes down in lectures. also I sometimes find it hard to follow the lecture notes and the audio lectures make this much easier

It makes the lecture notes easier to understand when I look back at them because often there's so much detail given in lectures that you don't get chance to write it all down. It was especially useful in the head lectures as they were very heavy on diagrams without much text to explain what they were showing.

it reinforced the notes I had made in lectures, and allowed me to be sure I had got all the important information from the lectures

It allows me to process information and understand the content of the lecture better as I personally learn and remember information when I hear it rather than when I read it. It has also been useful to be able to go back to parts of a lecture where I'm not sure if I understand something and to hear a concept explained again.

The slides for the particular lectures I listened to had mostly diagrams and very few words. listening again helped me add to what notes I managed to write down in the lecture

They let me hear things that I missed, hear the lecturers' explanation of the slides again & take extra notes. Especially in embryology, where complex concepts are covered, powerpoint alone isn't enough.

It helps to complete my notes if I haven't managed to write everything down in the lecture and helps me to remember the topic

It hasn't really helped me in a specific way.

It allows me to write more detailed notes of what the lecturer said as you can't get everything wrote down in the lecture.

Yes, is helpful of a complicated topic, eg. gastrulation, to be able to listen to it again, and be able to pause it to make notes/look it up in a book

Yes, I found the embryology lectures difficult to keep up with in class as there are so many new words and concepts; therefore I used the recordings to help me go over the lecture in my own time.

Enables you to recheck facts that were spoken not on notes. Incredibly useful as I was absent from several lectures and to be able to listen to them was of great benefit.

Any other comments about the audio lectures?

Given Answers

- Useful & does not require much additional manpower to produce
- Would be good if the lecturers could have the microphone as close to them as possible as in some of the audio the lecturer is hard to hear over the background noise.
- Would be very useful to have lectures that people have individually recorded and that were not recorded by college to be put up on blackboard for the rest of the year to be able to use them. Email sent to whole college asking if anyone would be willing to have their audio's uploaded for the use of others??
- I think they're great and really valuable in learning!!
- The sound from lecturers walking disturbs the recording, ruining the quality & is very annoying.
- I find them invaluable and would love it if all our lectures were recorded. The only criticism I have is that when the lecturer walks away from the microphone what they are saying cannot always be heard and I wonder if they could have the microphone on them etc
- I found them really useful and would definitely use them if they were to become a permanent feature.
- They are really helpful and should be made for every lecture!
- I think they are very useful, especially if the lecturer does not give handouts of the entire lecture
- Very good idea, very useful!!
- They could maybe be a lot clearer, in the few I've listened to all I can hear is coughing and rarely the actual lecturer, sometimes very hard to follow.
- It would be better if they could be played through blackboard i.e. a toolbar at the bottom of the lecture rather than having to save them to the hard-drive
- They're really helpful for when writing up notes
- Keep doing them! I think they'd also be very useful if for some reason you had to miss a lecture, for example next Thursday we have animal husbandry lectures all day (BVetMed Yr1 - 4 lectures), but I have to miss them because I have animal husbandry in the Beaumont animal hospital that day. It would be really helpful if those lectures could be recorded.
- Is it possible to record from the small microphone attached to the lecturer's clothing? because there were significant volume changes as our lecturer paced back and forth across the theatre