Aural Study Strategies

If you are an aural learner, you will most likely benefit from the following study strategies.

To take in the information:

- attend classes
- attend discussions and tutorials
- discuss topics with others
- discuss topics with your teachers
- explain new ideas to other people
- use a tape recorder
- remember the interesting examples, stories, jokes...
- describe the overheads, pictures and other visuals to somebody who was not there
- leave spaces in your notes for later recall and 'filling'

When reviewing your notes:

- Your notes may be poor because you prefer to listen. You will need to expand your notes by talking with others and collecting notes from the textbook.
- Put your summarized notes onto tapes and listen to them.
- Ask others to 'hear' your understanding of a topic.
- Read your summarized notes aloud.
- Explain your notes to another 'aural' person.

To do well on exams and assignments:

- Imagine talking with the examiner.
- Listen to your voices and write them down.
- Spend time in quiet places recalling the ideas.
- Practice writing answers to old exam questions.
- Speak your answers aloud or inside your head.