

# **LEVELS OF LISTENING**

How are your *Listening Skills in Lecture Classes*? Are You *Really as Good a Listener as You Think You Are??*

## **SURFACE LISTENING**

- Is Present for Information
  - Receives Information
- Listens Passively, with no Effort to Understand

## **BASIC ACTIVE LISTENING**

- Notices Facts
- Does Not Have a Plan for Organizing Thoughts
  - Puts Information into Own Words

## **CRITICAL ACTIVE LISTENING**

- Draws Conclusions
- Makes Connections between New Information and Previously-Learned Information
  - Uses Information in New Situations
- Evaluates Information with Regard to Accuracy and Relevance

--Based on "Continuum of Learning," Longman and Atkinson. College Learning and Study Skills (New York: West Publishing Company, 1996)

## **CAN I BE A BETTER LISTENER? YES!**

Pick Up Copies of these Handouts at the CSL:  
"*Listening for... Cue Words and Guide Words in Lectures*",  
"*Active Listening Skills*", and other Listening Skills handouts

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