6 Great Planner Apps for Students

1. Todoist

Todoist is a project planner and to-do list all in one. Used by companies like Amazon and Disney, and made for everyone from students to executives, Todoist is an app that can carry you through school and beyond.

Although you can pay to upgrade, the free version offers more than most students are likely to need. Todoist includes features that help you:

- Jot down important details or things to do before you forget them
- Set up projects for each class and any other activities or hobbies you're involved in
- Add "next action" items, so you can always be looking ahead to your next assignment
- Check items off your list without losing them for good
 Other helpful features include due dates for individual tasks and reminders
 that will pop up on your phone or email. Every feature is customizable too,
 so you won't be getting lots of notifications without asking for them.
 Todoist also allows you to label tasks. You can label by priority, by context
 (laptop work, library, etc.) or really by any other system you want to create.
 You can also indicate recurring tasks, like weekly quizzes, so you never miss
 an assignment.

2. Microsoft To Do

A reworking of the long-appreciated Wunderlist, <u>Microsoft To Do</u> is a promising newcomer to the field of planner apps for students.

One feature that stands out in To Do is that things you didn't check off from previous days stay in the "Yesterday" box. That way you can specifically choose which items to transfer to "My day," and plan a better time for those that won't fit in today's schedule.

To Do allows you to sort tasks into basic lists that you set up, such as "Work," "Home," or "Lab." You can then add subtasks to the items on each list. For example, if your list includes, "Presentation for econ class," create subtasks for "Brainstorm subjects," "Find sources," etc.

To Do also includes some features that will please visually oriented people. Dark mode is helpful if you're reviewing your day just before sleep or when you first wake up in the morning. You can also change the background for each list, with lots of modern and inspiring designs.

3. Calendly

<u>Calendly</u> simplifies scheduling with groups and individuals. As group projects have become the new normal, you'll likely have to set up plenty of meetings with groups and individuals during the course of your time as a student. You can save a lot of time by scheduling and managing those meetings with Calendly.

Here's how it works:

- 1. Connect Calendly with your digital calendar, like Google Calendar, iCal, Office 365 and others.
- 2. Create a meeting request.
- 3. Set the parameters. For example, you can let recipients see your availability, so they can pick a day and time, or you can set a day and time and they can either accept it or request a different time.
- 4. Select recipients and send.

Calendly will gather responses from the people you want to meet with and you'll have a meeting set up without the long texting thread that's usually required.

Other helpful features include the options of *round-robin* or *collective* scheduling in the paid version. If others share their availability, Calendly will

show times that work for everyone, so you can pick. Also, you can set up reminders both for yourself and for those who agreed to meet with you. Calendly streamlines setting up meetings, so you can free up your time and attention for classes and other responsibilities.

4. iStudiez

<u>iStudiez</u> is one of the highest-rated planner apps designed just for students. Enter your class schedule including the professor's name, contact info and office hours. Then, you can color code your classes and use icons to make it visually interesting and easy to scan.

"Week view" allows you to plan out your time and get ready for the upcoming week. "Day view" shows you tasks and scheduled items for today. For each class, you can add assignments, their due dates and specific tasks associated with them.

If you upgrade to iStudiez Pro, you can even get a regular update on your GPA. As you receive graded assignments back, enter the grade and point value and iStudiez will do the calculating for you with the GPA tracker. It keeps this info from semester to semester, so you can keep the big picture in mind.

5. myHomework

<u>myHomework</u> is a clean and simple version of a student planner app. Many teachers have already adopted it for e-learning or online instruction, but it's great for individual use as well.

It's formatted for several types of class scheduling, such as block, period, or time-based schedules. myHomework allows you to not only input assignments and add tasks required to complete them, it also allows for prioritizing and categorizing tasks, so you can focus on what's most needed

at any given time. You can get reminders for upcoming due dates too, so you don't miss deadlines on accident.

While you do need internet connectivity to sync with other devices, it still has full functionality even when you're not connected to WiFi. The free version has plenty of great features, but the paid version lets you get rid of ads as well as share assignments, attach files to assignments and switch out your theme.

6. Power Planner

<u>Power Planner</u> is a well-established student planner app with many of the same features as myHomework and iStudiez, like entering your schedule, keeping track of your GPA and viewing assignments and exams.

Though the app is already full of useful features, one element that sets it apart from other similar apps is the responsiveness of the developer. Power Planner is updated regularly, offering continual improvements to its features.

The GPA calculator is more robust in this app compared to others, with its "What if?" feature, which calculates what scores you need on assignments to get an A in a class. It also includes notifications for due dates coming up. The paid version allows you to enter more grades and stores your GPA info from one semester to the next.

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