

I Am

"Give me something better."



The Med Student

Someone already using something similar, looking for something new, clean, and fast.

"I have a packed schedule. My busiest days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. I wake up at 9 and have to leave my apartment by 10 to get to class at 11. I have four classes on Tuesday/Thursday from 11 to 5:15, with a 45 min lunch break in the middle. After class, I get a bus to go to work in Coraopolis. In my spare time and weekends I focus on getting my assignments done, but between exams, homework, projects, studying, and work, it's a lot to handle. I do use some organizing tools. I typically use Google calendar for meetings, MyStudyLife for assignments and papers, Google calendar notifications, and I make use of my To-do list widget on my phone's lock screen."

Give Me:

- I use four different organizing tools. It'll be nice if all of my dates are in one spot. It'd be even nicer if it could just automatically sync from my Courseweb dates and dates in my Google and phone app calendars.
- One thing none of these tools are able to do is prioritize. I do my assignments on a first come first serve basis, it'll be nice if I had a tool that was able to generate a schedule and tell me when I should start an assignment.
- I never want to forget a date. Each date is important. I need reliable, constant reminders, maybe across multiple platforms.

I Do

The Planner

an experienced planner



"I want that extra reminder"

"I'd like to think that I have pretty good organization skills. I was an active student in high school: always maintained good grades and was a member of the National Honors Society, soccer team, and did editing for Journalism. It was a lot to handle, but college is 10x worse. It's less classes than we did in high school, but just the way college is set up, it seems like a lot to keep track of."

I do multiple things to organize. For one, I use a planner. I've been using them for as long as I can remember, and it's never really failed me. For extra precaution I'll text myself a reminder or write on a sticky note. I legit have anxiety

Give Me:

- I already use a planner and other organizing tools. Give me something so I can offload the clutter. I need a robust, clean environment to store my important dates.
- The only thing my planner can't do is give me reminders. I need a good notifications system with timed reminders.

I'm New

The Newbie

Someone who may/may not have experience with planners, but have little to no experience with technology

"My organization is mostly organized chaos. I have a certain place I keep papers, and I have a desk designated for work. But when I work on things it's usually inconsistent, I work on them when I have time in no particular order. I also do other things for fun throughout the day to manage stress. Now that I'm back in school, I'm noticing my skills aren't as good as I thought. Sometimes I forget things because humans are fallible. I don't use an organizer. I kind of just refer back to my syllabus multiple times and that's how I go about it. I've never really needed a planner. I always just breezed through school. In hindsight, it isn't helping much. It's annoying to have to refer back to courseweb or the syllabus multiple times, and sometimes I still forget. I would consider a planner, but I don't like the thought of having that as another thing I have to carry around."

"Lots and lots of reminders!"



Give Me:

- I need something quick and easy. Apps nowadays are so complicated. I need something that isn't going to be hard to learn. It's a tool to help, I don't want to be overwhelmed by it.
- I would like to do as little as possible. It'll be nice if my dates are just there. That's all I need. Plus reminders. Lots and lots of reminders.

The Underachiever

Someone who needs the minimum, uses no planning tools



"I'm surviving"

"I have decent organization skills, but you're never fully prepared for college curveballs. Honestly, I don't really organize my schedule. I kind of just wing it. I'm a chem major so I have a lot of studying to do, plus I work 25 hours a week at my part-time job. I don't have time to sit down and map out my schedule and formulate a schedule to follow. I think I tried a planner once during freshman year. I just couldn't stick with it. I remember feeling excited about it and writing out my dates, but when it came to adding new dates or checking on old ones, I just never thought about using my planner, and eventually I just stopped. It felt inconvenient to pull it out and fill it out. Honestly, it was so much easier just asking my friends in the classes or referring back to the syllabus. It sucks. I graduate this semester but honestly, looking back, I feel like I definitely half-assed most of my schooling. I probaaaaably could've done so much better if I applied myself more."

Give Me:

- I couldn't stick with my planner. If I were to use an app, I need something desirable, maybe some kind of reinforcement award or aspect to it.
- Honestly, I would like to do as little as possible. I need my important dates to sync. If I have to manually enter it, I won't do it.
- Most of my problems stem from waiting to the last minute. Give me an app that will notify me at a good time to start a project and will constantly remind me to do it and actually get it done.