

10 Apps To Make Life Easier For Students

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Phones are an essential part of our lives. They keep us connected and make things simpler. Being a university student, a phone can either be your best friend or worst enemy, depending on how you use it.

With so many apps available it can be hard to determine which are ones are best for a student. Here are 10 apps that'll make your university experience smoother.

1. Tiny Scan

Everyone's had that moment when you need to scan something but there's no scanner around. Gone are those days with Tiny Scan. This app scans images through your phone's camera and converts them into PDFs. It's a must for students because it makes turning regular documents into PDFs an easy task.

2. LinkedIn

This social network is great for students trying to grow their professional network. With LinkedIn you can set your profile to include work experience, education, awards, volunteer work and more. The app lets you expand on these topics to help you become a better-rounded person. You can connect with other professionals through the app which provides a new way to network.

3. Study Blue Flashcards

This app enhances the standard flashcard set. Within Study Blue, you can make your own flashcards as well as add audio and pictures to improve study sessions. You can test your knowledge through quizzes and work with other classmates to share flashcards. Now you can carry multiple sets of flashcards anywhere and conveniently view them anytime you want.

4. Evernote

Evernote is the app to keep notes, to-do lists and tasks all in one spot. Every time you work within the app, it's synced to your online account so you don't have to worry about losing important files. You can record lectures and collect web articles and photos to keep them all in one convenient area.

5. Feedly

Keeping up with what's going on in the news is something everyone needs. Feedly does this by generating all news information from various websites to provide all the news you need in one place. It's powered by RSS to make it easier to read the news as you go.

6. TED

With TED you're open to a wealth of information and inspiration from innovators all around the world. The app is an enlightening and educational resource for people of all ages. You can watch, listen or share videos. You can also search for videos by topics and create playlists focused on those topics you're interested in.

7. Find My iPhone (Find my Phone for Android)

Misplacing your phone is not fun. You're in a panic and keep trying to remember where you had it last. Students practically have their lives on their phones. With this app you can locate where your phone is.

All you need to do is to register your phone and make sure your location services are turned on. Now you can rest at ease knowing you're prepared in case your phone goes missing.

8. Sleep Cycle

Sleep is something university students usually don't get enough of. Getting up in the morning can be a struggle. Sleep Cycle monitors movement while you're sleeping using the phone's accelerometer. Then it finds the best time to wake you up by based upon the time range you specified.

9. Dropbox

Dropbox is the app that can store all your assignments, pictures and videos in one place. Students get 2 GB of free storage and can always pay to upgrade for more space. Once your files are in Dropbox, they're available to access on any device or computer. Students can use this to save important files and view them anywhere on the go.

10. Spotify

Student life can't be all work without a little fun. Spotify is one way to get a break and relax. This music app lets you listen to your favorite songs by creating a playlist based on artists and specific genres. You can also listen to music based upon what type of mood you're in.

Now you see that being a university student doesn't have to be so hard when there are apps like these to get you through it.

9 Free Things to do in Brisbane

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Australia is a beautiful and exotic part of the world. There are many cities scattered around the continent and one that's becoming more popular is Brisbane. Brisbane is in the sunshine state of Queensland. It has great weather and its own special charm.

Many people want to visit and explore the city. Everyone wants to travel but not everyone wants to pay for all the expenses that come with it. Finding free things to do in a new place is always great. For those looking for free things to do in Brisbane, here are nine of the best activities to do.

1. Take a ride on the river

The Brisbane River is a beautiful sight because it snakes around the city. People love to be on it. Luckily there's a free ferry that gives you the chance to see the city in a new way. It's called the City Hopper and it runs every 30 minutes, Monday through Friday. It stops at various terminals around Brisbane like South Bank, the CBD and Kangaroo Point Cliffs. Going on this ferry is a must do. It's easy to spot because it's bright red.

2. See the Botanical Gardens

Even though Brisbane is a big city, there's still a lot of greenery. The best place to see a diverse representation of flora is the Botanical Gardens. Lush grass lawns, trails, exotic animals and beautiful plants, make for a fun experience. If you have a lot of time, a picnic on one of the lawns is a great way to spend part of the day.

3. View the city from Mount Coot-tha

Brisbane offers multiple places to get a good outdoor view but the best place is up at Mount Coot-tha Summit. Making the trek up the mountain is worth it because from this viewpoint you can see all of Brisbane. This is definitely the spot where you'll want to bring your camera.

4. Take a dip in the beach

It wouldn't be Australia without a beach. In the middle of South Bank is Streets Beach. This is a different type of beach because it's man made. Even though it's man-made it still has everything

people love about the beach. It's in a great location that's directly across from the CBD and is perfect for soaking in the sun and relaxing.

5. Visit the Gallery of Modern Art

The Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) is a popular museum in Australia. A majority of the pieces are made to reflect contemporary art and most of the exhibitions are free to enter!

6. Listen to the City Sounds

The City Sounds is a large music program in Brisbane. The event is held weekly and entrance is free. It shows off local and emerging artists who play on the main stage in the Queen Street Mall located in the CBD.

7. Take a walk around the river

A 15 kilometer path goes around the river starting from South Bank and ending in New Farm. Taking this path will allow you to see a much of the city and let you enjoy the outdoor lifestyle of Brisbane.

8. Sweat it up at a fitness class

The "Feel Good" program, sponsored by Medibank offers free fitness classes in South Bank. No sign up is necessary, all you need to do is show up. Various classes are offered like Yoga, Pilates and Zumba. Some classes focus on particular things like abs, butts and improving your overall energy. All these classes are meant to help you feel better by working out in a group and being outside.

9. Have a laugh

Every Sunday there are free stand-up comedy shows at the Brisbane Powerhouse in New Farm. This is a great way to support local comedians and see if they have what it takes to make you laugh out loud.

Brisbane is a bustling city with many things to do. Some of the best attractions in the city are free. Now you know a handful of great things to experience that'll leave you and your wallet happy.

6 Tips to Boost Your LinkedIn Profile

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Countless people like to use social media to stay in touch with friends, news, and entertainment, but some sites can be used to enhance your job search and professional network. The main site for this is LinkedIn. LinkedIn has been around for a while and is still growing in popularity. Because this is a professional site, some people may be a little apprehensive to create an account or may need help with improving their profile. Whether you're new to the site or not, here are six tips to enhance your profile and make it more marketable to employers and professionals in your career.

1. Have an appropriate profile picture

When people view your profile, your picture is one of the first things they notice. Since this is a professional site, your picture should reflect professionalism. Some tips for selecting a good LinkedIn profile picture are:

- Be the only person in the picture
- Use a picture in nice attire
- Make sure the picture is clear
- Use a picture that's from the waist up

2. Add your skills

LinkedIn provides you the opportunity to add skills to your profile. Don't skip this! Make sure to include skills that you've used or are currently using. Besides seeing that you've held several jobs, employers want to know what specific skills you've obtained from them.

What's great about this is that when people see these skills, they have the opportunity to endorse you for them. This is why it's important to connect with your boss and other professionals because they can possibly endorse one of your skills. Doing this also builds up credibility in your field.

3. Link other media to your profile

What's great about LinkedIn is that you can add multimedia to your profile. This is a great way to expand your online portfolio. Some of the best things to add in your profile would be your

personal website, blog and links to projects you've done either in school or for a company. All of this will help expand the diversity of your work experience.

4. List important details

With LinkedIn you can put more information about yourself that you wouldn't be able to fit on your resume. You can add information regarding honors/awards, languages, volunteer work and organizations you're involved in. Putting these little details will help set you apart from others.

5. Keep your profile updated

Your profile should be more updated than your resume because it's online for anyone to view while your resume is usually available upon request. Keep your profile updated by adding relevant work experience, skills and by updating your summary. The more you update, the more professional your profile becomes.

6. Connect with professionals

This is something that's very important with LinkedIn. Don't make the mistake of just connecting with all your friends on Facebook and Twitter. Remember, you're trying to market yourself to employers so aim to connect with important people in your field so they can notice you.

When it comes to managing your LinkedIn account, these tips will help keep your account polished. All of these tips can help you get noticed online and provide you with another way to market yourself. Job searching and networking can now be done online and using your LinkedIn account effectively is essential in the process.

How to Survive University Life

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Entering college, also known as uni, is a big part of life. Uni is where you have more responsibilities and it's the stage of life where you're close to entering the real world and making big life decisions.

There's so much to uni than just classes. Everyone wants to do well in uni so here are some tips to get you through it.

1. Go to class

Going to class is important. No one's going to force you to go so you have to be proactive in getting there. Sometimes it can be tempting to sleep in for that 9 a.m. lecture but it's not going to benefit you in the long run.

Being present in class is helpful in understanding the material. This is where you learn the most so get up and go.

2. Write things down

Gone are the days when you could remember everything in your head. Now it's essential to write reminders, list important dates and schedule your time. Having a planner and an updated to-do list will help with organizing your academic life.

For instance, taking the time to write down when assignments and other tasks are due in a planner makes you more prepared for classes and improves your organization skills.

3. Get involved

Academics is only one part of the uni experience. If you're only involvement is going to class, then your experience isn't as satisfying as it could be. Countless unis offer clubs where students can join. You can choose from a range of clubs like sports, language, social, political, religious and more! The clubs are all out there, you just need to pick the ones you're interested in.

4. Find a balance

Besides going to uni, students usually have other things they're invested in. Sometimes it can feel like you're juggling too many responsibilities at the same time. If you already have another time commitment, it's important to plan how you'll be able to accomplish both responsibilities.

Your academics shouldn't suffer because you don't have enough time for them. That's why it's important to organize how you'll successfully balance the different jobs in your life. It's best to do this early in the semester so you don't get overwhelmed later. This is why it's useful to create a detailed schedule so you can effectively manage your time.

5. Find the best place to study

Where you study is important because it should be a spot where you can focus. The best place is usually where there are little to no distractions. From libraries to coffee shops, everyone has a go-to place where they prefer to study. Wherever you choose to study, it should be a place where you know you can be productive.

6. Divide your work into small parts

When it comes to completing a project or studying, no one likes to do it at the last minute. But why does this constantly happen for uni students? It's because usually the hardest part of any task is starting so people put it off until the last minute. Instead of looking at it in small parts, people just see all the work they'll have to put in at once.

Putting in the effort to begin a task is a large step in the right direction. Once you start on it early, it's easier to continue and complete it as you go. Doing things in parts is better than doing them at the last minute. This provides you with more time to comprehend what you're working on.

For example, if you have a test coming up in the next two weeks, you can start by studying for it one hour a day. This isn't a lot of time but if you steadily do this before the test approaches, your brain will easily get used to the material. This can save you from cramming for the test the night before.

7. Get to know your classmates

Uni isn't as fun if you don't get to meet other students. Make the effort to talk to people in your classes. Knowing people in class can increase engagement because you have someone to discuss the material with. This also helps when you want to form study groups. You don't have to go through uni alone so talk to your fellow classmates.

Uni doesn't have to be an obstacle in your life. It's a great chance to grow in your career, connect with others and get more involved. These tips are here to enhance your experience so you can graduate and say, "I survived Uni!"

Last but not the least, have fun while you are in uni. As they say, uni days are the best days of life

7 Smart Tips For Students To Save Money

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Being a university student is a fun experience. But that experience comes with a few price tags. With tuition, housing, textbooks and more, it can be hard for students to save money. Knowing how to manage money is important as a student. Here are seven tips to help with saving money.

1. Buy or rent used textbooks

Textbooks are those items you don't want to purchase but know you need. Instead of breaking the bank with purchasing new textbooks, look into getting used ones.

You're most likely to use the book for one semester so getting a used textbook is a wallet friendly option. Another option is with renting the book. A popular place to buy or rent textbooks is Amazon because it has a wide selection and cheap prices.

2. Buy take advantage of student discounts

You know that student ID you take around everywhere? It can actually be useful. Many places like restaurants, movie theaters and travel agencies offer student discounts. Showing your card is an easy way to gain reasonable discounts at these places. So be on the lookout for these discounts so you can start saving money.

3. Buy or limit eating out

If you're a university student then you definitely know how important food is. A quick breakfast at McDonald's and a late dinner at Subway adds up if you're eating out frequently. It's fun to eat out until you see how much it's costing you. Never eating out is unrealistic so having a limit is the best option.

Instead of relying on fast-food, go to the grocery store to make your own food. This is a cheaper route. If you're not a cook, that's fine, there's always easy ways to prepare food. Things like packing fruit and a sandwich to school can save money in the long run.

4. Keep an expense budget

You can't save money if you don't know how much you're spending. Budgeting is a great way to see where your money is going. Being a student, there's a lot to purchase on going out, food, textbooks and more.

A budget can be as broad or specific as you want. All that matters is that you document your purchases so at the end of the day you know how much you're spending. This allows you to see if you're sticking to your savings goal. A budget is a real depiction of spending habits and is essential if you're serious about saving money.

5. Have several ways of saving

Most students want to save their money for something specific. This is when you can get creative on how to do that. Want to save money for a trip? Have a jar labeled "trip savings" and slowly start depositing money in it.

Another popular way is to open a savings account. Some banks offer programs that provide interest when you reach a certain amount in your account.

Using different methods helps you see the money that's slowly accumulating. It's also a good tactic to motivate continuous savings.

6. Find a job

Having a small part-time job helps with earning extra money. The money you obtain from work can be used to buy important items and be put towards savings. Depending on the job, you might be able to receive an employee discount.

7. Make your own coffee

Many students need coffee to start the day. Instead of buying coffee every morning, invest in a coffee maker. Now you'll still have coffee and will be saving money in the long run.

No student wants to be classified as the stereotypical "broke university student", so living within your means is important. These tips are here so at the end of the day, you can control your money instead of your money controlling you.