

Imagine a network of teachers working together to synthesize essential information from each of their classes into one, simple, online planner for students.

A student could have his entire academic experience automatically organized before he even steps foot in a classroom. He goes online to find a calendar with a math quiz on Thursday, a physics assignment due on Friday, and a newly assigned English reading on Monday. This is all teacher-created-content. The student scrolls over an event and a description appears with crucial information, such as where a midterm will be held, what percent of the overall course grade it's worth, what textbook chapters to review, and a comment, like "bring a graphing calculator".

When a schedule change is made, the student can see the event move on the calendar. Or if a discussion is cancelled, the student is immediately notified.

Not only that, but teachers can add campus events or act on behalf of student organizations to input events such as club meetings, sports tryouts, and film screenings. Image and audio files can be attached to event descriptions to attract students to theater productions and concerts. Teachers can include hyperlinks to course websites or other useful sites. The sky is the limit.

And to control the flow of information, the student can pick and choose what categories of events he would like to view. Maybe he's only interested in one class, or all of his classes but not community events. It's all up to the student.

But there's also a checklist – when a student clicks an event icon, a new item appears on a checklist to the right of the calendar. The student may accumulate several items on the checklist and rearrange them to prioritize one over another. Maybe it's more important to finish a project than study for a test. When the student is done, he checks off the item and it disappears.

And the student can of course insert personal events and checklist items. A study group. A doctor's appointment. A dance. Anything.

If there are any important announcements to be made, students can view them in a special text field.

And lastly, students can refer to an icon key to identify each of the various event types.

The result is the Unified Academic Planner. Increased organization means increased productivity.