

# THE BUC'S ULTIMATE APP GUIDE

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## FOR STUDENT EFFICIENCY

**1. Evernote:** Say goodbye to paper clutter and hello to organization. Manage class notes and documents in one place, across all of your devices. This app allows students to create notes and to-do lists, scan documents and textbook pages, share ideas and collect online sources for projects, and improve overall student efficiency. If lugging your heavy textbooks from Dominican to O'Laughlin breaks your back, just scan pages you need and have it all on your phone!

**2. iStudiez, Lite:** Never lose track of time or forget due dates with this app. It's designed to help you view class schedules, plan study time, log assignment due dates, and show you what score you need on your next test to improve your class grade. Instead of going from WebAdvisor to Canvas to Google Calendar, just keep it all in one place.

**3. Quizlet:** I've tried many flashcard and study apps before and this one is the best. Study on the go, sync all of your data, and study while offline. Quizlet allows students to study any subject on flashcards or take a mock test while walking to class or just before bed. One of the best features is being able to find a pre-made set or make your own flashcards, instead of handwriting 85 of them for Dr. Koncsol's psychology test tomorrow.

**4. Canvas:** Canvas is one of the top must-have apps for all students at Barry. This app helps students stay current with all courses anywhere they go and makes it easy to receive updates on test scores, upcoming assignments, group discussions, and important announcements from professors. It's especially handy when it's 11:50 p.m. on a Sunday and your discussion post for Dr. Comer's class is due in nine minutes with no time to waste logging in to a computer.

## FOR STUDENT PRODUCTIVITY

**1. LinkedIn:** College is the best time for students to plan their future career options. Students can use this app as an easier way to keep in touch with employers and co-workers at internships and jobs. Most importantly, this app is great for connecting with other Barry students who share similar interests.

**2. Google Docs:** This app is a lifesaver for students when it comes to tweaking on the go with great user friendliness and storage capacity. Students use this app to continue writing or editing essays between classes, during lunch, at work, in bed, etc. At Barry, it's near-

ly impossible to escape group projects, so this app is a great tool when collaborating so each student keeps up with and contributes to the assignment, even if they don't have their own computer. Plus, never worry about losing your work with the auto save function.

## FOR STUDENT FUNCTIONALITY/EASE

**1. Mint:** Textbooks, coffee breaks, munchies, Uber/Lyft rides and nights out in Miami can add up at the blink of an eye. The Mint app is designed to easily track your spending, create budgets you'll actually stick to, and view/improve your credit score. Don't let bad spending habits stop you from enjoying Miami and college life at Barry; let Mint track it all for you.

**2. Uber/Lyft:** Living in a city as busy as Miami, an Uber or Lyft driver is always a few minutes away. Uber and Lyft are similar, inexpensive, and safe ways to catch a ride home or to your next destination. Catch an Uberpool ride from campus to Ocean Drive for only \$9.63 or reserve a private car for \$17-\$20 and split costs with the group. Students, with or without their own cars, love to use Uber and Lyft for nights out, so there is always a designated driver. All drivers go through background checks and have ratings for you to check before they pick you up.

**3. Google Maps:** With the Google Maps app, navigate through your world faster and easier. No car? No problem. This app provides students with real-time transit updates to ensure catching that bus from campus (routes 2, 9, and 10) to your next destination. You can also search and discover great new places wherever you go, even when you go offline. Navigating through Miami can be a major headache but don't worry, Google Maps will guide the way!

**4. Accuweather:** Getting caught in one of Florida's unexpected, torrential downpours on your way to class is the worst. This is one of the best weather apps you'll find because it gives you an actual countdown to rain and other forecasts. Download this app so when it says "Rain expected in 10 minutes," you'll be prepared with your umbrella, raincoat, and rain boots.

**5. Rate My Professors:** This app makes signing up for classes a lot easier and stress-free, knowing what kind of professors you'll have. Search and select professors based on their classroom style, student ratings, and course difficulty so that you can make the decisions best for you. Thanks to this app, I was able to easily search for and choose the best math teacher in Professor Roy Pais. I've used Rate My Professors for four semesters and it hasn't once let me down.