

# Apps for Academic Success!

There are a wide variety of apps and programs that can support your learning. Check these out and email [learning@uvic.ca](mailto:learning@uvic.ca) to share your favourites with us!

## Writing Tools

### Mind Mapping Tools



[Webspiration](#) → Free version of the Inspirations software! Create detailed mind maps and view them as hierarchical outlines too.

[Mind Maple](#) → Free mapping tool! Use this to create your own customized mind maps.

[Coggle](#) → Great for group collaboration.

[Prezi](#) → This presentation-making software can also be used to make non-linear maps or to help you brainstorm your ideas.



### Drafting Tools



[Written? Kitten](#) → Shows you a new kitten when you reach a writing milestone!

Hint: There are puppies and bunnies too!

[Written? Bacon](#) → Prefer bacon to bunnies? Try Written? Bacon!



### Writing, Focus, and Productivity

[Focus Writer](#) → A simple and distraction-free writing environment to help you stay on track.

[Keep Writing](#) → A word processor that works like a typewriter – you can't delete, so just keep writing!

[Penzu](#) → A private, customizable, online journal for recording your thoughts and work.

[750 words](#) → An online writing tracker that encourages you to write 750 words per day, and tracks progress over time.

## Test Preparation & Notes

[Quizlet](#) → Create your own sets of flash cards, specify how you want to use them.

[Study Blue](#) → Another great flash card creation resource!

[OneNote](#) → Combine lecture and reading notes, images, and more.

[Evernote](#) → Collect weblinks, articles, and all kinds of other resources in one spot.

[Notability](#) → Write directly on PowerPoint slides or pdfs, among other features.



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## Time Management and Focus

### Pomodoro Timers

Online → [Tomato Timer](#) and [Marinara Timer](#)

iOS → [Focus Keeper Free](#) and [Flat Tomato](#)

Android → [Clear Focus](#)

### Organization, Focus, and Productivity

[My Study Life](#) → Organize your class schedule! Includes reminders, too.

[Forest](#) → Helps you stay focused by growing trees on your phone or in your browser so you can avoid opening other apps.

[Freedom](#) → An internet blocker to help reduce distraction and temptation.

[Toggl](#) → Designed for employee time sheets, but can also help you keep track of how you're using your time (so you can optimize it!)

[Cold Turkey](#) → An internet blocker to help you with productivity.

[Flux](#) → Adjusts screen light for the right time of day.



## Mental Health

[Calm.com](#) → Learn and practice mindfulness!

[Mindshift](#) → This app helps with managing everyday anxiety and teaches relaxation.

[Headspace](#) → Short meditations designed for busy people.

