



Apple iPad 10.2 (7th Gen): THE PERFECT STUDY BUDDY

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It my recent and not probably the last attempt to push my boundaries, I went abroad for post graduate studies. To pace myself with the burgeoning study load, I opted for the then latest iPad 10.2 7th Generation. And boy oh boy! It was one of the best purchases I did last year! Despite the 8th generation being launched recently; I personally still would recommend going for the 7th gen iPad 10.2. Let me tell you 4 reasons why the 7th Gen is an absolute bargain and probably a must have if you are a student (and you can afford it):



The form factor: The dimensions of the tab is perfect. You can use it in one hand as it doesn't weigh much. It's also easy to carry on your bag. Moreover, the screen real estate is 10.2 inches meaning- you get quite enough space for multiscreen operation as well as read books or watch movies. The screen is bright and vibrant; but it is an LCD panel not Apple's retina display. The 8th generation comes with the retina display but honestly my eyes could not discern much difference.

Substitute of a laptop (for some): If you use a laptop just for surfing the net, occasional tv-viewing and typing notes or even take down notes, then this tablet can be your companion for your university days. The tablet supports most of the software that you would want to use for your classes. I saw a friend of mine using MATLAB on the tab though

the simulations took a bit of time to load them.

A whole host of ecosystem products: As a student you might want to take notes; for that you need a stylus? If you think, like most sane people out there, Apple pencil is too pricey for you- not to worry. The 7th gen. has a host of supported 3rd party stylus available in the market. If you need a top-quality pen for sketches then you can consider the Logitech Crayon,



Penovoal Pencil, Adonit Dash for a fraction of the cost of an actual Apple Pencil. You will also find ample designs and styles of covers, keyboards, stands etc.

Wallet-friendly: The measly 32GB WiFi only version of the iPad 10.2 (7th Gen) is available for Tk. 41,900/-. So, what do you get at this price? You get a fully functional 10.2-inch touch screen with a pretty

decent OS and above average hardware. The battery life is great too- you can last a work entire day plus some more with a single full charge. The only downside of this iPad is the subpar cameras both on front and back. Now that classes are mostly on Zooms and MS Teams, a good front camera would have been really handy.

All in all, the iPad 10.2 7th Gen is a product targeted by Apple particularly for students. With a keyboard and stylus, it can actually live up to the expectation of most students who are looking for an affordable laptop alternative. It's almost as pricey as a laptop, so if you are not a pro-users, then this device is definitely worth considering.

Specs

Display: 10.2" IPS LCD, 1620 x 2160 pixels

OS: iPadOS 13.1, upgradable to iPadOS 14.2

Chipset: Apple A10 Fusion

CPU: Quad-core 2.34 GHz (2x Hurricane + 2x Zephyr)

RAM: 3 GB

ROM: 32 GB

Camera: Rear- 8 MP; Front- 1.2 MP

Battery: Li-Po 8,827 mAh

Price: Tk. 41,900/- (Price might vary depending on vendor)