**Jake Wong Interview**

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**Interviewer:** So what is your program of study?

**Jake**: So I'm specialising in criminology and I have a minor in sociology. So yeah, or minor.

**Interviewer**: And are you in fourth year.

**Jake**: Yep.

**Interviewer**: And you're an international student.

**Interviewer**: So, what are the formats of your current classes? Are they synchronous, asynchronous or mixture of both?

**Jake**: So I think right now, like for this semester, it's all synchronous like this in my previous semester, there was only one synchronous class. And this was all synchronous.

**Interviewer**: All right. What form of classes would you rather have? So, this includes synchronous asynchronous both or in person.

**Jake**: So, I mean if there was no pandemic. I wouldn't mind going to class, like going for in person classes. But since right now, we're in a pandemic or prefer like a mixture of both. Sometimes the class can be asynchronous or something.

**Interviewer**: And how many classes are taking currently?

**Jake**: I’m taking five.

**Interviewer**: And would it be the same amount if classes were in person?

**Jake**: Yeah.

**Interviewer**: And the next question. Since the move to remote learning, can you explain to me how your GPA has been affected.

**Jake**: Oh, so honestly my GPA, increase a little bit. Maybe, I mean it's hard to focus but, like, I couldn't like I could get things done so, and I think that some courses like maybe they did like reduce the workload, a little bit so it's small, like, relaxing in a way

**Interviewer:** So I guess you answered the second part of this question already but if classes were in person would you think your GPA would have been the same or, like, or like made a difference at all.

**Jake**: So, I feel that. I mean, I would still like do my best. Right. If there wasn’t a pandemic. Maybe I would have gone out more often. So, it might not. I might not have a better GPA, in that sense, since I'll be distracted by external factors.

**Interviewer**: Okay. And if you feel comfortable sharing, Has the transition to remote learning had an effect on your mental health, and if so explain how?

**Jake:** No. No.

**Interviewer**: Since the pandemic has started, have you felt that your motivation to do well academically has changed any at all?

**Jake:** Yes, a little bit because like, when I'm at home like I feel like more relaxed, in a sense, that it doesn't really feel like school. School.

**Interviewer:** Uh huh.

**Jake**: Yeah, so I guess like the environment plays a part makes a difference. Okay. All right.

**Interviewer**: And next section. So, what's your ethnic background?

**Jake**: So I'm Singaporean-Chinese.

**Interviewer:** What is your gender identity?

**Jake:** Male

**Interviewer**: And how would you classify your socio economic background?

**Jake**: Just a little bit above average.

**Interviewer**: And are you currently employed.?

**Jake**: No, no.

**Interviewer**: So, did you receive any type of like government financial assistance? Well the thing is I have like Canadian government assistance. So, I guess, if it's anything similar in like your country.

**Jake**: Yeah so during the pandemic. Like the Singapore government actually gave us like the sum of money. Like all those people who. So for females I think they receive like $300, less because we entered the military like a few years back, we have an additional $300. So we got like $600 in total.

**Interviewer**: So what is your current living situation?

**Jake**: I'm living with my family.

**Interviewer**: In your current living situation, Do you have access to, like a quiet learning space?

**Jake**: Yeah.

**Interviewer:** So, do you have adequate access to technological resources with your education? like Wi Fi computer, a webcam.

**Jake**: Yeah

**Interviewer**: And being a member of your household What are things that are required of you? So that includes household duties.

**Jake**: Um, like I have to do chores.

**Interviewer**: And have you or someone close to you have been diagnosed with covid 19?

**Jake**: No, and not anyone I know

**Interviewer**: Under any circumstances and at all, whether it be in your family, financial or like personal circumstances that have had an effect. So that condition effects can be positive or negative on your experience with online learning.

**Jake**: No. No.

**Interviewer**: Okay, so these are some like pre pandemic questions. Okay. So, the first is, what mode of transportation did you use us to get to campus before remote learning?

**Jake**: The Shuttle bus.

**Interviewer**: And how long did it take you

**Jake**: It took around 30 minutes to 45 minutes.

**Interviewer**: And how many hours did you spend on campus each week?

**Jake**: just approximately 20.

**Interviewer**: And how did you utilise the campus resources for your academics. So this includes things like laptop rental, academic resources, library help

**Jake**: I didn't really use the school resources.

**Interviewer**: Okay, and before the pandemic were you employed at all?

**Jake**: No

**Interviewer**: So, have you used any of the available resources for community for help. So this includes financial, academic support, Career Centre, anything like that.

**Jake**: Um, no, not yet.

**Interviewer:** And next question. Do you think that your professors are doing enough to be accommodating for you and other students? So if you feel comfortable you can explain an instance where they have or have not been accommodating?

**Jake**: I think they have been quite accommodating to students like us. Bur they really could lessen down the workflow, you know.

**Interviewer:** Last part. Do you think UTM overall is doing enough to accommodate its students?

**Jake**: Yes, definitely. I think the university has taken major steps to help our learning even if we can't return to campus, we can actually learn… it's very informative. So I think, yeah, they didn't actually plan it out quite well.

**Interviewer**: Okay. All right. Thank you.

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