**Alyan Haider Interview**

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**Interviewer**: Okay, so the first question.

**Interviewer**: Is what's your program I study.

**Alyan Haider**: sociology and criminology.

**Interviewer**: and you're in fourth year.

**Alyan Haider**: yep.

**Interviewer:** And are you international or domestic.

**Alyan Haider:** Domestic.

**Interviewer**: And what are some of the formats of your current classes? This includes synchronous, or asynchronous, or both.

**Alyan Haider**: In summer they were synchronous and then others are synchronous and asynchronous.

**Interviewer**: Okay.

**Interviewer**: So, which classes, which form of these classes, would you rather have and why.

**Alyan Haider**: um I prefer both synchronous and asynchronous because

I find it helpful to go through some of the material on my own and then have a synchronous session after to like discuss concepts and stuff like that, then I may not understand.

**Interviewer**: Okay cool.

**Interviewer**: So how many courses are you currently taking.

**Alyan Haide**r: five.

**Interviewer**: Would this be the same if classes were in person.

**Alyan Haider**: yep.

**Interviewer**: Okay um so since moving to remote learning how has your GPA been affected?

**Alyan Haider**: since the pandemic, it's gone up.

**Interviewer**: Okay, and how has your focus levels been affected?

**Alyan Haider**: um sometimes they're okay. Some days, it's harder to focus on lectures, or I might be more likely to skip them.

**Interviewer**: So do you think that these would be different if classes were still in person.

**Alyan Haider**: What do you mean.

**Interviewer**: Like do you think that. your GPA would have gone up if classes were in person? and do you think that your focus would have been the same as it is now if classes were in person.

**Alyan Haider**: yeah I think it would have been more of an improvement of classes were in person.

**Interviewer**: So if you feel comfortable sharing, has this transition to remote learning had an effect on your mental health at all?

**Alyan Haider**: um I would say, like, I guess, not really like I would say I would be like more stressed, I guess, but not like otherwise i'm okay.

**Interviewer:** uh huh okay.

**Interviewer**: And since moving online has you have you felt that your motivation to do well academically has changed at all?

**Alyan Haider**: I would say it's the same as like for what had been in person.

**Alexandra**: Okay.

**Interviewer**: Alright, next questions are about your personal background.

**Interviewer**: How would you describe your ethnic background.

**Alyan Haider**: South Asian.

**Interviewer**: and your gender identity.

**Alyan Haider**: Female.

**Interviewer**: How would you classify your socio economic background.

**Alyan Haider**: um.

**Alyan Haider**: I live in on one income house i'd say maybe like in the lower middle class kind of classification, maybe.

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

**Alyan Haider**: I’m not.

**Interviewer**: And this year, did you receive any type of government financial assistance, and this includes like CERB, student benefit or OSAP, stuff like that.

**Alyan Haider**: Last year, I had the student benefit, as well as OSAP.

**Interviewer**: Okay.

**Interviewer**: Okay, and.

**Interviewer**: So, What is your current living situation, so who do you live with.

**Alyan Haider**: So um I am at home with my parents

**Interviewer**: anyone else.

**Alyan Haider**: 2 other siblings.

**Interviewer**: And in your House, do you have access to the quiet learning area to do work?

**Alyan Haider**: yeah I have my own room.

**Interviewer**: Okay.

**Interviewer**: And do you have access to adequate technological resources to help with your learning?

**Alyan Haider**: yep.

**Interviewer**: And so, in your household what are some things that are required of you to do? like household errands or duties like being a babysitter, give rides stuff like that.

**Alyan Haider**: yeah sometimes I would babysit, I also have to like clean like clean the House, stuff like that.

**Interviewer**: Okay, and have you or someone close to you been diagnosed with covid 19?

**Alyan Haider**: No.

**Interviewer**: All right, and are there any type of like this is more like a broader question, but like, are there any circumstances, whether it be like in your family or financial or personal circumstances that have had any type of effect on your experience with online learning and all?

**Alyan Haider**: I have two autistic brothers so like I would often have to like tend to them and their needs so like sometimes that would take time away from like doing assignments or readings, so in that sense it kind of impacts impacts me otherwise no.

**Interviewer**: Okay.

**Interviewer**: And some pre pandemic questions um how many hours, did you spend on campus each week.

**Alyan Haider**: um.

**Alyan Haider:** maybe five hour days, so that's like 25 hours in a week.

**Interviewer:** Okay.

**Interviewer**: And, did you utilize any of the campus resources for your academics, so this includes like laptop Rentals, academic resources, study spaces, library

**Alyan Haider**: So i've used the library.

**Interviewer**: Okay.

**Interviewer**: um and we are you employed before the pandemic?

**Alyan Haider**: On not recently no okay.

**Interviewer**: And last section.

**Interviewer**: And, have you used any of the available resources from UTM? This includes like financial resources such as the academic support, the career Center etc things like that.

**Alyan Haider**: i've used the writing Center a couple of times.

**Interviewer**: Oh sorry mentioned sorry I read, I read that wrong, so this during the pandemic like online.

**Interviewer**: Do you think they've been helpful to you.

**Alyan Haider**: yeah I think they've been helpful.

**Interviewer**: So the next question is about your professors and how accommodating that they have been for you.

**Interviewer**: So the first is, do you think your professors have been accommodating for you, and if you feel comfortable, can you explain an instance where they have or have not been.

**Alyan Haider**: On the I feel like they've been accumulating overall i've had, like several classes, where for assignments there'd be like options of like what kind of assignments, you can do so, like for one class, for example, we needed to do like a video presentation, or like a poster. I kind of like that, because I can like play to my strengths and choose the assignment that I feel will help me best.

**Interviewer**: And is the last one.

**Interviewer**: do you think that there's any like is there anything you want to see from your professors, to make them more accommodating.

**Alyan Haider**: um I think that's good.

**Interviewer**: that's all Okay, and do you think UTM overall is doing enough to accommodate students.

**Alyan Haider**: yeah I think so yeah.

**Interviewer**: Okay um that's all.

**Interviewer:** Thank you