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### Portfolio Essay

So far, for the past year I've had a good college experience considering the current situation. I was looking forward to walking around on campus, hanging out with friends, and meeting new people, but all of that change due to the coronavirus. I am accustomed to on the ground class so having to now do all online class was a big change. With on the ground classes, you are able to have way more interaction than online classes. You can meet new people, engage in new activities or ones that you already enjoy, and for me learning goes more smoothly. The two things a value the most with on the ground classes is the social interaction and the ability of engaging with the teacher. In my opinion I feel these two things are very important for students and their educational development. The only limitation that I think on the ground classes have is its lack of online tools. With online classes teachers are able to intergrade online learning tools more than on the ground classes. The use of online sources can really help to engage students with the material and allow learning to be more enjoyable. Other than this I really enjoy on the ground classes and don't see any problems with it. It's an experience I hope to be a part of again.

On the other hand, online learning isn't all that bad. I really enjoy the convenience of logging onto classes from anywhere. This really eliminates a lot of the morning routine when I can just roll

out of bed, turn on my computer, and attend classes on time. However, I think this can bring on laziness and the disinterest of learning. There's no teacher physically present to make sure you're doing work and paying attention to the material that's being given. Also, not all teachers are as accessible as others. This makes it hard for students to contact teachers and ask questions when they don't understand the material that's being given. Online classes have really been an interesting experience, with all the distancing from one another to the new teaching methods.

Hopefully in the near future on the ground classes can come back. I would really like to have some kind of social interaction with my friends and new people. I would also like to have the experience of campus life, walking up and down the campus grounds, joining clubs, and using the different campus buildings. I expect UVI to try and bring back on the ground classes, but I don't think it will be the same as how it was in high school. New Covid-19 rules will have to be in place which could hinder certain activities, but I'm still hoping for the best. I don't know if hybrid classes will be in place and how they will operate. I haven't had any kind of hybrid class experience, and I really hope I don't get to be a part of them. I am excited to experience on the ground class with the new Covid rules, hopefully it's an experience that I can enjoy.