

What the Undergraduates and Instructor reported on pandemic likes and dislikes, May, 2022

Disliked/Not Grateful for:

Marching band in a mask
“Essential” workers didn’t feel essential: sick, lose/lose with customers, masks in 95 degrees
Shutting down
Drive-through graduations
Lost opportunities
Skin problems
“Promises” and predictions about the course of disease
Strange rules, including sitting in restaurants maskless, with masked servers
Incivility, all kinds of manners
Drivers forgot how to drive in the shut-down
Fatigue with seeing face in Zoom all the time
Anti-Asian violence, words, actions, attitudes

Liked/Grateful for:

Made money! Delivery service, benefits, lots of hours
Engaging less could be okay
Change in social life, to spend more time with certain friends and family
Online schooling
Open note tests
Test-optional admissions
Reading
A Big Reset
Appreciation for life, and the restart, even while deaths and illnesses acknowledged
Walking
Ukulele lessons, music, writing music again
Baking, cooking
Time slowed down
21 in quarantine, home wine delivery – drinking, and deciding to drink less
Hobbies
Zoom
Became nocturnal – a break from obligations since mid-teens
Independence
Time for recovery from medical problems and surgeries
Zoom