

Interviewee year: 5

Interviewee major: Computer Science

1. Could you please let us know what year and major you're in

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2. Would you say your study habits have evolved in the last couple years (If not a first year) or since you've started university (If first year). If yes, please explain how your study habits have evolved.

Yes, my study habits have evolved in terms of the number of hours I contribute. There are more quiet places on campus and the environment is more friendly in terms of everyone is also studying in the area. The study environment is more motivating for those that struggle trying to focus on studying/doing work.

3. When studying for a topic, what do you do if you don't understand something? (Office hours, peer help, google, give up and cry)
When I don't understand something, the first thing I do is google the problem for some hints, followed by either emailing the TA/prof to make an appointment or going to their office hours to go over contents that I don't understand or am stuck on.

4. What would you say your studying style is? Spread out and relaxed or do you grind when you need to
Originally, I was more of the latter type; I would procrastinate until the last few days and just work on the assignment until the time is up. However, in the last few years, I am more relaxed in terms of studying style because I try to start on the major assignments on the day I learn everything needed to start and work on it as much as I can each day. So, most of the times I submitted either early or on time of the deadline.

5. How did you meet friends in your current degree or friends that you study with?
I met most of my friends either through a mutual friend or through classes we had together.

6. When studying with friends, what kind of environment is it? Relaxed, serious etc.
If it's for studying, then I like to study by myself first, just to make sure I can focus then meet up with friends to go over some questions.

7. Reimagine yourself as a first year with no connections, how do you see yourself meeting people?
Most likely through classes or mutual friends. Complex problems in classes brings classmates together for discussion.

**** Show scenario cards **** (1 card is going to be someone talking to peers around them in class, the second card is going to be posting on reddit for others taking the same class, third card is going to be our app)

8. So in the first 2 cards we've outlined the current solutions to meeting new people. In the third card we're proposing our solution, and it's an app where students can broadcast study groups and find other people who are studying the same subjects as them. This opens students up to a broader network of peer tutoring. We were also thinking of features like file sharing for notes, being able to check the density of study rooms in university so you can see how busy certain spots are before you check it out, and an interactive map where you can see if there are current study sessions being broadcast. Out of the features we've highlighted so far, which one piques your interest the most?

I would be interested in a new way of meeting people, if you meet the same people in class and stick with the same group your entire degree you don't get to expand your network very much.

9. What do you think would make you a user of this app?

Things that would make me a user:

- First year student/not great at making friends to discuss work
- Likes to work with a group, more productive with a group than alone

10. Are there any features that you feel would be beneficial to you as a student?
Being able to see the distance between me and the people I am meeting, being able to text, share doc, and being able to share screens.

Perhaps even a voice channel.

11. Thank you for your time. You're amazing, Ummey :)
Thanks :)