Interview 1

Interviewer:

Hello, I’m Vineeth, and today we’re here to do a focus group for our in-class project. This focus group is to discuss how University students make decisions about buying university merchandise.

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User: Yes

Interviewer: What's your name?

User: My name is Sathya

Interviewer: What’s your major?

User: I am pursuing my masters in MIS

Interviewer: How long have you been studying at UIC?

User: Since last August, Fall 2021

Interviewer: What type of outfits would you prefer to wear?

User: It depends on the weather. If it's summer I would prefer to wear summer clothes, if winter then winter clothes

Interviewer: Have you ever purchased anything online?

User: Yeah

Interviewer: How was it different from in person stores? What motivated you to buy things online?

User: The size, quality and color can be deceiving in pictures. If it is in store i can see it with my eyes, try it and the buy

Interviewer: Which one do you prefer?

User: If I have time I would prefer in store. If not online purchase is the best option

Interviewer: Have you purchased any university merchandise?

User: Yeah, I got T-shirts from the store.

Interviewer: What do you look for before buying anything?(clothes related)

User: Size, color and etc

Interviewer: What university merchandise would you like to buy?

User: Sweatshirts and T-shirts

Interviewer: What are the three important pointers for making a decision to buy university merchandise?

User: Color, Fit and if outfit is matching my wardrobe

Interviewer: What were your good experiences with online shopping?

User: As of now I only had good experiences. Like all these years I never had any bad experience.

Interviewer: What other products would you buy with university logos?

User: card wallet

Interviewer: Have you ever purchased any merchandise from other universities?

User: No, I haven’t

Interviewer: Thank you guys for your time. We would like you to sign the participant sheet as we have to submit it to the professor.

Focus Group 1: 5 users

Interviewer:

Hello, I’m Surya, and today we’re here to do a focus group for our in-class project. This focus group is to discuss how University students make decisions about buying university merchandise.

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All: Yes

Interviewer: What's your name?

User 1: Jose

User 2: Libby

User 3: Alexa

User 4: Yosuf

User 5: Liz

Interviewer: What’s your major?

Jose: Undecided

Libby: Education

Alexa: Latina/Latino Studies

Yosuf: Civil Engineering

Liz: Engineering (Undecided)

Interviewer: How long have you been studying at UIC?

Jose: 1 semester

Libby: 1 semester

Alexa: 0 days (visiting)

Yosuf: 1 semester

Liz: 1 semester

Interviewer: What type of outfits would you prefer to wear?

Jose: Hoodie

Libby: Sweater and Hoodies

Alexa: Pants and Crop tops

Yosuf: Sweater

Liz: Jeans and Casuals

Interviewer: Have you ever purchased anything online and how was it different from in person stores? What motivated you to buy things online?

Jose: Online shopping is less time consuming.

Libby: Yeah, it is better in person as we can choose the right sizes.

Alexa: In in-person, we can try different outfits.

Yosuf: It is easier online.

Liz: In person stores are better as there are more varieties to try on.

Interviewer: Have you purchased any university merchandise on campus?

Jose: No.

Libby: No.

Alexa: No, but would like to buy one

Yosuf: Yes

Liz: Yes

Interviewer: What university merchandise have you bought?

Yosuf: I have a hoodie

Liz: I have a T-shirt

Interviewer: What are the three important pointers for making a decision to buy university merchandise?

Jose: Quality, price

Libby: Shipping, quality

Alexa: Price, shipping

Yosuf: Price, quality, time

Liz: Quality, price

Interviewer: What were your good experiences with online shopping?

Jose: -

Libby: More varieties

Alexa: Easily accessible

Yosuf: Fast delivery

Liz: -

Interviewer: Where were your bad experiences with online shopping?

Jose: difference in quality

Libby: Wrong size

Alexa: Sometimes it gets lost.

Yosuf: Wrong size

Liz: -

Interviewer: What other products would you buy with university logos?

Jose: Cards would be nice

Libby: I would like hoodies.

Alexa: -

Yosuf: I would wear anything.

Liz: I would say stickers would be nice

Interviewer: Have you ever purchased any merchandise from other universities?

Jose: I bought a hoodie in Minnesota when I visited my sister’s school.

Interviewer: Thank you guys for your time. We would like you all to sign the participant sheet as we have to submit it to the professor.

Focus Group 2: 5 users

Interviewer:

Hello, I’m Ajay, and today we’re here to do a focus group for our in-class project. This focus group is to discuss how University students make decisions about buying university merchandise.

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All: Yes

Interviewer: What's your name?

User 1: Janvi

User 2: Victor

User 3: Jenny

User 4: Mihir

User 5: Elar

Interviewer: What’s your major?

Janvi: Chemical Engineering

Victor: Business Management

Jenny: Nursing

Mihir: Civil Engineering

Elar: Business Administration

Interviewer: How long have you been studying at UIC?

Janvi: 2 semesters

Victor: 1 semester

Jenny: 1 semester

Mihir: 1 semester

Elar: 1 semester

Interviewer: What type of outfits would you prefer to wear?

Janvi: Baggy clothes

Victor: Casual

Jenny: Sweat Shirts

Mihir: Jeans and Hoodie

Elar: Jeans and Casuals

Interviewer: Have you ever purchased anything online and how was it different from in person stores? What motivated you to buy things online?

Janvi: Different kinds of availability of clothes( multiple choices )

Victor: Try it on before buying the product

Jenny: Delivery to the home

Mihir: Saves a lot of time compared to in-person shopping

Elar: Availability of different brands at a single location

Interviewer: What would you prefer in-person/online?

Janvi: Online

Victor: In-Person

Jenny: Both

Mihir: Online

Elar: Online

Interviewer: Have you purchased any university merchandise on campus?

Janvi: Phone case

Victor: SweatShirt , Notebooks

Jenny: Sweat Shirts , Coffee mugs

Mihir: Joggers

Elar: Shorts

Interviewer: What were your good experiences with online shopping?

Janvi: Good deals

Victor: It comes in time

Jenny: Fast delivery

Mihir: -

Elar: Can buy multiple items at once

Interviewer: Where were your bad experiences with online shopping?

Janvi: Incorrect sizes

Victor: When online websites crash

Jenny: Change in the material

Mihir: when products are sold-out

Elar: -

Interviewer: What other products would you buy with university logos?

Janvi:

Victor: small logo for phone cases

Jenny:stickers

Mihir: -

Elar: -

Interviewer: Have you ever purchased any merchandise from other universities?

Victor: I got a sweatshirt from University in Minnesota

Interviewer: What are the three important pointers for making a decision to buy university merchandise?

Victor: availability

Janvi : Material , Quality

Jenny: Size

Mihir: Quality , Size

Elar: Quality , Size

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