Focus Group: International/Transfer Students

Group:

1. (Introduce briefly about the group)
2. How did you guys meet or form your group of friends/study group?
3. Ask them to demonstrate how they found the group of friends or study group (maybe through social media apps? Piazza? Canvas?)
4. What do you like and dislike about using that particular platform to find friends?

Tell us the experience, if applicable

1. What features or tools do you want to be added to the particular platform that will help you in the future?
2. If you were to find more people to join your group, how would you normally do that? (can demonstrate also) What do you see from potential teammates?
3. How do you keep communication with study mates for team assignment/project?

Individual:

(Study Mate)

1. *(In general, how do you find help when you face questions in class or need help with a project?)*
2. What is the experience of how you find teammates when given a group assignment and the struggles that come with it? Such as when you had to work with a teammate that you did not feel comfortable?
3. Maybe demonstrate one of the most recent times you faced a homework/assignment problem and the method you used to get help from peers or when you had to find teammates for a group assignment
4. What do you like and dislike about using that particular platform to find friends?

Tell us the experience, if applicable

1. What features or tools do you want to be added to the particular platform that will help you in the future? Such as a filter for you to choose if you prefer meeting other international students or local/non-international students? Or same nationality?
2. How do you keep communication with study mates for team assignment/project?

(Social Mate)

1. How did you find a way to make new friends when you first came/transferred to UW-Madison? What are the most common problems you faced when you were going through this?
2. If you enrolled in a class without knowing anyone else that is in the same class, could you demonstrate to us/tell us how you would try to make friends?
3. Do you feel like an app/website that pairs you with other people from the same school/class would have helped you? Could a feature that helps you filter friends to your preference help you?