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Students have gotten used to taking classes online and some wonder if it is truly for the best.

The fall semester at many schools was fleeting. For some, it turned that way after two weeks. For others, it still has yet to end. Either way, the semester is different from past years.

In various interviews, students like Ian Rein, a high school senior from Georgia, said that they would prefer the upcoming semester to be in-person.

“I would like to do in-person learning because online learning is hard, I feel like I’m learning less and I’m more disconnected from my teachers,” he said. “I have ADHD, so I have a really hard time when I’m not in the environment to do the work.”

UNC-Chapel Hill first-year Danny Zepeda-Martinez echoes Rein’s statements in that he would also prefer an in-person learning experience.

“A lot of classes are built to be in-person,” Zepeda-Martinez said. “If it's in person, it'll be more memorable so you can retain the information more, but also be more sentimental for the students so they can build a better relationship with their professors.”

Meanwhile, other students have said that they would prefer an online experience for the next semester. East Carolina University freshman Anthony Rodriguez said that he would still prefer the virtual options that he has now.

“I would probably go with all virtual classes because I feel like there are a lot of factors at play right now with coronavirus that are still under questioning,” he said. “With

things just now opening back up, I feel like having all classes in person would be a large push to have too many people grouped up in a small area.”

Ohio State University freshman Kate McCanna agrees for the same reason.

“There's a lot of downsides to online classes,” she said. “I know the majority of people who are taking them, including myself, are struggling to properly learn the content that they're learning basically on their own. Many of my classes are asynchronous so I just do online work and make sure I turn everything on time. But considering the pandemic, we also need to take precautions.”

UNC first-year Maggie Dunn also agrees that classes should be kept online, but not exactly for the same reason as the others.

“I think the safest thing would to be doing all online again, even though it's not what I would prefer – I do prefer being in class,” Dunn said. “I think if we tried to go back, no matter what happens, we will inevitably end up being sent home again.”