

Jackson is a 19-year-old sophomore here at the University of Michigan studying biomedical engineering. Eventually, Jackson hopes to go off to medical school to be a physician just like his father. He is thinking medical school both because it is sort of the 'family business' and because he admires the respect and authority commanded by physicians. Jackson has had the chance to observe this first hand through experiences working at a local hospital. Given his aptitude for math and science in high school, Jackson chose to study engineering in college instead of a Biology/Neuroscience/BCN or similar major through LSA. He prefers classes in which the graded material is objective (such as math classes) as opposed to subjective (English classes) because he likes arriving at the single correct answer and he is not a particularly strong writer. His favorite subjects in high school were chemistry and physics because he could see them working 'in real life,' not just in the classroom.

So far, Jackson is satisfied with the classes he has taken/is currently taking. They are mostly required math, physics, and biology classes that are prerequisites for the classes he is planning to take, but that is what he was expecting. Despite being satisfied, Jackson would not say he has enjoyed any of the classes he has taken so far. He finds them tedious (especially the online assignments, which are very unpopular among his classmates) and in many cases, reviews from what he has already studied in high school. Perhaps the exception to this, Jackson's favorite class he has taken so far is the Engineering 100 course, which he enjoyed because he actually got to do something. He found this more rewarding than doing well on a test, and infinitely more rewarding than any lab courses he has taken thus far. Jackson literally licked his lips at the prospect of a hands-on design course tailored for sophomores in BME.

Jackson's schedule keeps him fairly busy, (approx. 14 credits a semester) but he has other time commitments. Outside of the classroom, Jackson is a member of a fraternity and is becoming increasingly involved in Dance Marathon. Additionally, Jackson is very much enjoying having a social life. He still meets new people every day, and tries to keep his evenings and weekends as free as possible for socializing. Jackson is also a huge Michigan football fan, and the last place you will find him on a game day Saturday is in the library (Go Blue!).