**Brown’s Open Curriculum allows students to explore broadly while also diving deeply into their academic pursuits. Tell us about any academic interests that excite you, and how you might use the Open Curriculum to pursue them while also embracing topics with which you are unfamiliar. (200-250 words)**

“Things have not been going well for uncle Arief. He’s been out of work for 3 months,” my mum said dejectedly. It’s not a surprise that Jakarta has a high unemployment rate of 8.5%, almost triple that of the US.

Growing up in a developing country exposed me to understanding how business may be one of the core solutions to systemic issues such as unemployment. I want to concentrate on the Business Entrepreneurship and Organizations route to be able to establish a business of massive scale to employ many people.

With creative electives like csciStartup, Brown’s Open Curriculum would allow me to apply conceptual knowledge in real-world settings through hands-on opportunities. CsciStartup would allow me to collaborate with peers to run a start-up so I can learn how to run a business from real world experiences.

Insight into the depth of people’s mind would be a great extension to the BEO, as I intend to take my first psychology class. Mind, Brain, and Behavior: An Interdisciplinary Approach would allow me to understand the nature of the human mind and apply it in the business world to prompt smooth business interactions.

At Brown, I will be able to incorporate theoretical approaches into action-based learning and gain insight into additional fields of studies that could shape me into a well-rounded businessman. I am confident that a Brown experience would sculpt my skills, knowledge and character and be my stepping stone toward creating a more socially equitable world.

Notes:

I think you have a solid background story on your interest in entrepreneurship. I suggest relating this to the Open Curriculum in a way that shows flexibility for you to learn new and unfamiliar fields that will support your current interest but also keeping you open to the possibility of pursuing other interests.

The reader wants to know how the Open Curriculum as a flexible approach to learning helps you be open minded to new things. Mentioning psychology as a supporting class is great – you can add how psychology is unrelated and new but will support your entrepreneurial interests. In addition, you can talk about how the Open Curriculum may open new doors and opportunities for you to explore different types of businesses or aspects of a business.

All the best!