**Brown’s Open Curriculum allows students to explore broadly while also diving deeply into their academic pursuits. Tell us about an academic interest (or interests) that excites you, and how you might use the Open Curriculum to pursue it. (250 words)**

Role-playing games have always been intriguing to me because of its limitless possibilities of unravelling stories depending on how we make decisions. Like Brown’s open curriculum which I believe would be a perfect fit to nurture my curiosity in environmental science and economics - among many others.

Economics studies how people make decisions based on incentives and rational behaviour. However, I think there are missing variables in the economic equation. Environment has not been adequately measured alongside economic output. The missing variables have made less-informed decisions for decades. One example is when park near my school was cut down to build a half hectare shopping mall. My frustration in inability to reverse this occurrence turned into curiosity on how environmental science and economics can be complimentary to serve the same purpose - increasing standard of living.

I want to bridge the gap of the missing variables as my academic pursuits. I want to take “Sustainability in Development” courses alongside economics concentration. Brown’s Capstone Project also creates an opportunity for me to synthesize this interdisciplinary and dive deeper about sustainable economic models. In addition, flexibility in Brown’s broad economics concentration will allow me to study public policy in cross-reference to sociology. I seek to participate in Brown's comparative studies in ethics and public policy because I want to explore how economics can be ethical and how ethics can be economic.

Learning is beyond a major and life as a continuous game of choice. If the universe allows, I choose Brown.

Hi Kireynas,

I think you have such a great interest here! ☺

I have a few suggestions that I think would help make this better:

1. In my opinion, the frustration and urge you felt when the park near your school was cut down (highlighted yellow) would be good for the introduction. This will help explain what triggered you to be interested in environmental science and economics. After this, then you could continue to explain why the two field of studies – which was explained in your 2nd paragraph: the missing variables. An idea on how to start the introduction could be:
   1. I still remember that time when the park near my school was cut down to build a half hectare shopping mall, and how I felt upon knowing about this. I felt…….. because……. My frustration and helplessness triggered me to reflect on how I could help…..
2. I think the missing variables needs to be explained a little bit more. For example, you could elaborate on what you think is missing when you refer back to the example.. Was it..
   1. That you’re interested to explore how far is the correlation between economic and environmental science?
   2. Could there be any other way for the economy to grow not at the expense of the environment?
   3. I think it’s good to elaborate on one (due to the word limit perhaps) to show your interest clearer.
3. I would suggest omitting the first sentence (highlighted green). You could probably stress the point of limitless possibilities depending on how we make decisions as you explain your interest in economics and environmental science – linking it with the sentence I highlighted gray.
4. Conclusion (last paragraph): I think the points you have here is good. I would just like to recommend a few suggestions on the order of the sentences:
   1. We could start with “Therefore, I want to take Sustainability in Development course…..”
   2. “This would allow me to bridge the gap…”
   3. “Brown’s Capstone Project also creates an opportunity…”
   4. “In addition, flexibility in Brown’s…”
   5. In the last sentence of the paragraph (highlighted aqua color) – try to summarize and conclude in 1 sentence why do you wish to learn economics, environmental science, ethics, and public policy.

Overall, good job! ☺