**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)\***

The most successful people may not be the best at anything they do, but the breadth of their expertise allows them to view the world through multiple lenses and explore various career paths. Steve Jobs wasn’t the best engineer of all time, but he had more vision and creativity than his rivals. As they say, a jack of all trades is better than a master of one—they’re ready to grasp every opportunity that comes their way—and that’s what I want to be.

I’m applying for Physics and Engineering because I believe that to change the world, one must understand the nature of the universe and its applications. However, understanding demands not just science, but also the interdisciplinary knowledge that precedes it. “I see further by standing on the shoulder of giants,” said Newton, who pioneered modern science. To me, these giants are History and Philosophy, which I plan to take at Brown. I’d also take English and Literary Arts, because frankly: I could never keep the awesomeness of the universe to myself or the scientific community; I’d yearn to share it with anyone who would listen, and I believe the best way would be to weave it into the fabric of stories.

In this regard, Brown stuck out to me as my ideal University: besides providing an extensive dive into our majors, we are encouraged to spread our wings. The way I see it, Brown’s open curriculum doesn’t only make me the architect of my education, but also the architects of my life.

Hi Dylan,

I love how this essay is going and more importantly, I love how you view your world and interests. This essay is short and simple and gets straight to the point while also highlighting your personality.

However, please ensure that you really check some facts that you put into your essay. Aside from that, it also might be better to specify why some subjects you plan to take that are unrelated to your major might be beneficial to you. Focus on showing the breadth and depth of your academic interests, and how Brown’s Open Curriculum will specifically scratch that academic itch of yours.

I really like how this essay is going so far. I’m looking forward to the development of your essay.

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