**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 explore various career paths. A jack of all trades is better than a master of one—they’re ready to grasp every opportunity—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,” Newton once said. To me, these giants are History and Philosophy, which I plan to take at Brown (I’ve always appreciated these subjects but school never provided a proper curriculum). Furthermore, it’s important to understand the driving forces that got humanity to where we are today, so that we can drive it to where it should be tomorrow.

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. I want to do that by weaving it into the fabric of stories.

In this regard, Brown is 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 architect of my life.

Hi Dylan,

This essay looks better now that I’ve seen the changes since the last one. However, much of this is still largely impersonal. The Newton quote is largely unnecessary. It does not convey you in a positive light in any way.

Moreover, instead of being interested only in the subjects you’d like to take, talk about subjects that you are quite unfamiliar with. As of now, your essay only talks about the subjects YOU like, and not any subject that you’ve never done before.

**In short: make this personal and specific, and also discuss topics you’re unfamiliar with.**

I’m looking forward to the development of your essay.

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