

ECON SPOTLIGHT: MARCONE CORREIA

Marcone Correia '19 is majoring in Economics because he "wanted to challenge [himself] somewhere [he is] uncomfortable." He disagrees with many of the discipline's paradigms and norms, and says he's not great at math, but those are also big reasons he chose to major -- he knew it would push him in ways other majors couldn't. Marcone says Economics is "crucial for understanding how to make social change. You first need to understand how those

systems and structures work, and Econ is often a less accessible body of powerful knowledge." He is also concentrating in Latina/o Studies to place those disciplines in conversation with each other.

As a piece of advice for students of color looking to navigate the field of Economics, Marcone says, "Remember that being the only person of a certain background in the room is a great reason why you should be in it."

This spring, Marcone is doing an independent study (his thesis was already in Latina/o Studies!) on the chilling effects of ICE on immigrants' crime reporting. It has become his favorite Econ experience, as he's getting to do work he finds fascinating and directly meaningful to what he cares about. He also gets to do it under an advisor (Professor Watson) "whose excellent paper inspired [his] research in the first place."