Kai Cash ‘19 is majoring in Economics because he wanted to look at the world in a way that grounded his inquiry in the axioms of mathematics and statistical evidence, but also allowed him to qualitatively evaluate how people make their decisions.

During his time at Williams, Kai says he really enjoyed speaking with professors in Office Hours about their research. In fact, he says he’s loved conversations with Econ professors the most. According to Kai, “We literally have resident experts on a lot of different walks of life,” so be sure to get to know your professors!

Kai’s advice for choosing a major, especially if you’re considering Econ, is this: “Economics is not necessarily a vehicle to financial services although it can be. It is so much more than that, so take the time to actually assess if you are passionate about Economics and its applications, and if not, it’s okay to not do it— you will still get a job.”

Kai says his confidence in himself has come from relentless risk taking and trial and error. Through that, he’s realized that there aren't failures, but rather “just difficult lessons.” Instead of dwelling on your mistakes, consider Kai’s approach and “continue to grow and pursue new and exciting opportunities knowing that every experience is a chance to learn more about yourself and your relation to the world.”