This First-Year Seminar will investigate how data and economics can be used to understand and solve some of the most pressing contemporary social issues in the United States. Topics include equality of opportunity, education, health, climate change, criminal justice, and discrimination. In the context of these topics, the course will provide an introduction to some basic economic concepts and data analysis techniques. No prior knowledge of economics or statistics is assumed. The course will include guest lectures from academics and practitioners who will discuss real-world and policy applications.