As an undergraduate I was lucky enough to take several courses offered by the Department of Jewish Thought. Those small seminars challenged me in ways that I was unaccustomed. As a biology major, I had grown used to multiple choice tests and hours in the lab. While those tasks were challenging and exciting in their own right, I considered my time spent in Clemens Hall learning Maimonides, arguing Zionist principles, and diving deep into Jewish mysticism to be *truly* intellectually challenging and…fun! I loved how intimate the classes were, and how rare it was for us to be lectured. Rather, most lecture hours were spent discussing and debating complex Jewish philosophy.

The classes I took as a student of Jewish Thought have proven invaluable to me in my path to becoming a physician. As a medical student, I have been expected to learn innumerable facts, but as a medical student who performs research, I am constantly challenging those facts and trying to discover new things. The foundation I received for learning and challenging beliefs (i.e. I took a class called “Arguing with God”) has helped me challenge when in the lab.

No matter what your career goals are, I recommend that every student take at least a few classes through the Department of Jewish Thought. The intimate classes, coupled with intense subject matter and professors who *really* care about you, make this department invaluable.