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As an M.A. student in Comparative Literature program, I have taken several courses at both graduate and undergraduate level in Jewish Thought Department. I had the opportunity to participate in courses such as Bible as Literature, Elementary Modern Hebrew, and Jewish Law and Theory. The class content is well designed in terms of course structure and assigned course materials. Moreover, the program welcomes a diverse community of both Jewish and non-Jewish students. The professors are attentive to students' merits and research interests. They have helped me a lot in exploring the broad space of interdisciplinary studies between literature, theology, and continental philosophy. More specifically, in applying modern research methods as well as critical and hermeneutical theories to ancient Jewish texts.

I also found an opportunity to bridge my work in comparative literature and Jewish thought within my Master's project that focuses on the notion of subjecthood in selected literary and philosophical writings of Pierre Klossowski and Alain de Libera. The excellent guidance of Prof. Sergey Dolgolposki helped me to think deeper on the questions of hospitality and geneology of the self that are crucial to my project.

This research experience enabled me to get accepted to Comparative Literature program at Western University in Ontario. I would highly recommend Jewish Thought program to students who are interested in a variety of fields, such as political philosophy, aesthetics, and religion, as well as in literary works engaging with religious thought and experience.