Why study philosophy?
Philosophy, from the Greek *philosophia*, love of wisdom, responds to the quintessentially human desire to understand the world we inhabit. No matter what their future professions may be, students of philosophy have the opportunity to take up questions about who we are and how it is that we may find meaning in the world.

Why study philosophy at SXU?
Students in the program are asked to present their understanding of the texts in class and present their senior thesis in a culminating project for the major. Philosophy majors also can count on receiving individual attention from faculty members and advisors. Philosophy majors have many opportunities to attend faculty presentations and present papers of their own at undergraduate conferences, and they collaborate with faculty members to work on philosophy papers for publication. Students graduate from the program with excellent writing and verbal communication skills.

What Can You Do with a Degree in Philosophy?
An undergraduate major or minor in philosophy provides an excellent foundation for careers in fields such as education, law, publishing, government and civil service, social and community service, and religious ministry as well as research careers in the humanities, the natural sciences, and the social sciences. Recent philosophy majors at SXU are pursuing master’s degrees in theology and doctoral degrees in philosophy and sociology. SXU alumni have also gone on to pursue paralegal and law degrees as well as careers in public policy and public service.

Outside the Classroom
The student experience in philosophy at SXU emphasizes interdisciplinary study and community engagement. Philosophy faculty and our majors are often engaged in courses and extracurricular activities in a variety of programs.

- As part of the “Philosophy of Nature” course, students visited Growing Home Inc.’s Wood Street Garden to get a first-person look at a progressive response to many questions concerning the principles and policies that drive the use and management of the things we eat. Students observe the merits of organic growing and see the political and philosophical benefits of small scale, nonprofit neighborhood production and distribution.

- The Philosophy Club, a student organization, meets regularly to discuss philosophical topics, and members frequently attend events in the Chicago area that stimulate these discussions. Past events have included a trip to the Art Institute of Chicago touring various works under the theme “Nude or Naked?” Accompanied by a faculty member, club members explored art through questions of power, representation of the human form and expressions of pride and shame. Discussions of the Book of Genesis, Celtic cosmologies and even chess inspired the idea for the excursion.

Scholarship Support for Philosophy Majors
In their Sophomore and Junior years, Philosophy majors are eligible to apply for the Carol A. Keene Scholarship in Philosophy. This scholarship was established in 2006 by Dr. Carol A. Keene, a distinguished alumna and current member of the SXU Board of Trustees, who graduated from Saint Xavier College in 1961 with a degree in Philosophy. The Carol A. Keene Scholarship in Philosophy recognizes students whose general conduct is consistent with the highest standards of academic and personal integrity.

For more information visit www.sxu.edu, keyword: Philosophy.