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About the Department

In addition to that troublesome question “What am I going to do for a living?,” do you sometimes find yourself asking questions like: “What is love?”; “Does God exist?”; and “How can I figure out what is right and wrong?” If your answer is “Yes,” you will find many kindred spirits in SU’s Philosophy Department.

We believe that philosophy is the “love of wisdom.” This means we engage in careful reflection about our experiences and think through our most fundamental beliefs and values. This emphasis on making philosophy relevant to concrete experience sets our program apart from many others, and it is a reason why our students are so successful at connecting what they learn to their personal and professional lives.

A Community of Students

At SU, philosophy is not restricted to the classroom. Students in our Philosophy of Education class engage in philosophical activities with local public school students. Students in our Political Philosophy course do civic engagement projects in the local community. Students travel to India to study Buddhist philosophy. And, students lead weekly discussion groups with inmates at a nearby medium-security prison.

The Philosophy Department is located in the Philosophy House, where students come to discuss philosophy, study, watch films and play ping-pong. Our Student Philosophical Society is one of the most active groups on campus and sponsors regular discussions on such diverse topics as: “Is there such a thing as human nature?”; “Is killing ever morally justified?”; and “What makes a joke funny?”

Engaged and Accomplished Faculty

You won’t be lost in the crowd in the Philosophy Department—you will know your teachers and they will know you. SU philosophy professors are committed to providing outside-of-class help, advising students about courses and requirements, and mentoring students as they think about their lives after graduation.

All of our faculty members are actively engaged in philosophical scholarship, researching and publishing in many areas, including: Medical Ethics, Philosophy of the Arts, Environmental Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Feminist Philosophy, Indian Philosophy, Existentialism and the History of Philosophy. The faculty’s scholarly work and love of teaching enrich the learning experience for our students.

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Choosing to major in philosophy was a tough decision, but the right one. The Philosophy Department at SU fostered my intellectual curiosity and helped me develop critical thinking and writing skills that have proven invaluable in life and in law school.”

— Sydney Sgambato, J.D.
(American University Washington College of Law)
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