What can you do with a computer science/computer studies degree?
Information technology (IT) is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the United States. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, careers in IT are expected to increase by 28 percent over the next decade. Career opportunities are available in a wide variety of settings including finance, insurance, medical, educational, governmental, manufacturing and service industries. Graduates could work as computer systems analysts, programmers, database administrators or information security analysts.

One of our computer studies majors interned this year at Grosvenor Capital Management and was hired thanks to her internship performance. A recent graduate has taken a full-time position at the accounting firm Deloitte in technical support. Graduates have found employment in web design, and several are working at local businesses as webmasters. Recent SXU graduates are pursuing graduate degrees at Saint Xavier, DePaul and the University of Chicago.

Why major in computer science/computer studies at SXU?
Computer science and computer studies courses are taught in an advanced classroom with new Windows 8 touchscreens and special software available to enrolled students only. The department belongs to the Microsoft Developer's Network Alliance and other organizations, which supply new and advanced full working copies of software for the student to use in courses free of charge. The department maintains its own server on the Internet for course assignments.

Undergraduate students have the opportunity to participate in the Cisco program, a series of four preparatory courses for the Cisco Certification test, an industry-recognized credential.

Our majors often attend conferences and seminars with faculty mentors to gain a broad perspective on the working world. SXU has hosted two Chicago Women in Computing conferences that bring professionals and undergraduate students together for a weekend of seminars, workshops and networking opportunities.