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From their first freshman courses to their final presentations as seniors, BSU students are consistently challenged and supported. Small class sizes allow them to build rapport with faculty whose scholarship and practical knowledge lend real-world relevance to their teaching. Internships, research opportunities and study abroad complete the experience. The result: powerful learning and enormous potential growth.

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HOUSING AND DINING: The BSU campus is an ideal place to live and learn. Seven residence halls, all with their own personalities, provide a home and community for students. On campus, students enjoy fresh, local and healthy menus in two main dining facilities, a coffee shop and several restaurants. A complete campus network of underground walkways shields students from winter cold.

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES AND RESOURCES: The American Indian Resource Center supports the success of native students at Bemidji State and is home to acclaimed programs in Indigenous Studies and the Ojibwe language. The center is a focal point for efforts to preserve the culture and enrich the future of native peoples in northern Minnesota and beyond.

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- Bemidji population: 14,594
- Surrounding community: 50,000
- 400 lakes in a 40 km radius
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- Warmest month is July with an average high of 26° C.
- Coldest month is January with an average high of -8° C.
- Average annual snowfall is 104 cm.

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STAY ACTIVE: The Gillett Wellness Center
features an indoor pool and track, basketball courts and exercise
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WORK ON CAMPUS: Students on
F-1 visas may work up to 20 hours
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTER

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ters depending on their needs. Students in the ELC take
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