

BEMIDJI

STATE UNIVERSITY



BEST DECISION EVER!



WE EDUCATE PEOPLE TO **LEAD INSPIRED LIVES**

Students from across Minnesota and around the world thrive in a community that celebrates innovation and cherishes tradition. They pursue excellence in the arts, sciences and professions, guided by outstanding faculty who are dedicated to their success.

A **LAKESIDE** CAMPUS SETTING **LIKE NO OTHER**

BEMIDJI STATE is a university in the pines, on the western shore of Lake Bemidji in northern Minnesota. The lake's 6,400 acres are a recreational playground, a scientific laboratory and an unforgettable backdrop for one of life's important chapters.

The campus is set in a quiet neighborhood of central Bemidji, close to the famous statues of Paul Bunyan and Babe, his blue ox. Although BSU is a world away from urban distractions, it can be easily reached from the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul and Winnipeg, Man.

Rich in history, Bemidji is proud to call itself the First City on the Mississippi River. It is both a safe, welcoming, walkable town and a dynamic regional center, with excellent shopping, dining and entertainment, a high-quality medical center and daily flights to Minneapolis. The surrounding area offers hundreds of lakes, beautiful public lands and endless trails, with year-round activities to suit every interest.

You can explore our beautiful campus virtually on our main admissions website at

www.bemidjistate.edu/admissions/

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The faculty and staff of Bemidji State University are determined to see students receive the greatest possible benefit from their educational investment. Academic programs emphasize personalized, hands-on learning and share a strong foundation in the arts and sciences. Graduates gain confidence, critical-thinking ability and communication skills that serve them throughout their lives.

Consistently ranked in the Midwest's top tier by *U.S. News & World Report*, Bemidji State offers a broad range of professional degrees, including business, education, nursing and criminal justice, as well as unique majors such as aquatic biology, design and sport management.

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.

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

AFFORDABLE TUITION FOR ALL: Many universities charge higher tuition prices to students who come from other countries and outside of the state. At BSU, all international students are given the in-state (resident) tuition price.

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.

DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT:

Concern for the earth is woven throughout life at BSU, from campus organizations to institutional priorities. The university is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and being a leader in environmental stewardship through research, conservation and design.



LOCATION



ABOUT BEMIDJI

- Bemidji population: 14,594
- Surrounding community: 50,000
- 400 lakes in a 40 km radius
- The name Bemidji is taken from the Ojibwe (American Indian) name Bay-may-ji-ga-maug, which means “a lake with crossing waters,” referring to the way the Mississippi River flows through Lake Bemidji.
- 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.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

The Bemidji region is known for world-class hunting and fishing, and its clear lakes and deep forests offer endless opportunities for year-round recreation. Popular activities include bicycling, boating, hiking, camping, downhill and cross-country skiing.

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

- Bemidji State University is located on a beautiful, safe and welcoming lakeside campus in north central Minnesota, in the small city of Bemidji.
- It is 113 kilometers south of Canada.
- By car, BSU is four hours north of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area (Twin Cities).
- Delta Airlines offers two daily direct flights between the Bemidji Regional Airport (BJI) and the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP).



GET INVOLVED

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: All international students are invited to become members of the International Student Organization. The ISO provides support for international students and also organizes trips and activities. Every year, club members plan and present the Festival of Nations, which celebrates the global community at Bemidji State University. Students and community members share food, stories, dances and songs from around the world.

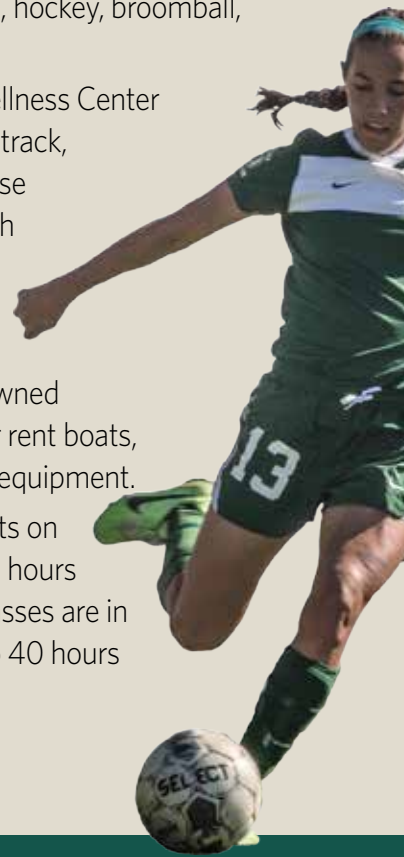
OPEN BORDERS LEARNING COMMUNITY: The Open Borders Learning Community (OBLC) allows students from around the world who are interested in multiculturalism to live together on the same residence hall floor, learning from one another's different experiences and perspectives. Residents share in many activities such as cultural dinners, international movies, costume parties and kite flying.

THE GREEN AND WHITE ATHLETICS TRADITION: Proudly wearing green and white, the BSU Beavers compete in 14 men's and women's sports, including

championship-level hockey. BSU also offers a number of intramural sports, including flag football, outdoor soccer, volleyball, basketball, hockey, broomball, softball and more.

STAY ACTIVE: The Gillett Wellness Center features an indoor pool and track, basketball courts and exercise equipment. Need some fresh air? Enjoy the outdoors at the Outdoor Program Center. Students can hike on a trail in the university-owned forest, join a camping trip or rent boats, bicycles and other sporting equipment.

WORK ON CAMPUS: Students on F-1 visas may work up to 20 hours a week on campus while classes are in session and may work up to 40 hours a week when classes are not in session.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTER



The English Language Center (ELC) prepares students for academic success at BSU. The ELC offers a full-time program located on our beautiful, lakeside campus. Students can enroll in the program for one or two semesters depending on their needs. Students in the ELC take intensive English classes, receive one-on-one tutoring and participate in fun cultural activities. The ELC is a great option for students who do not yet meet BSU's English requirements or who simply wish to improve their English.

For more information on the English Language Center:
www.bemidjistate.edu/services/english-language-center/

To apply for conditional admission:
www.bemidjistate.edu/services/english-language-center/
and click on "How to Apply."



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www.bemidjistate.edu/admissions/international

GETTING STARTED

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

- Submit a completed International Student Application and \$20 (USD) application fee. You can find the application and further details on our international admissions webpage: www.bemidjistate.edu/admissions/international
- Submit original transcripts or officially certified copies of original transcripts from all institutions previously attended.
- Provide proof of English proficiency and request that official copies be sent directly to Bemidji State University.
- Complete a Financial Affidavit Form and provide supporting bank statements.
- Include a 300- to 500-word autobiographical essay describing your academic program and educational objectives at Bemidji State University.
- Complete an International Student Agreement Form.

GRADUATE STUDENT ADMISSION

For graduate admission checklists, please see the website of your program of interest.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM CENTER

Office hours (academic year): 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (M-F)

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