

Career Outlook 2019: Music

Music Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Music (B.A.), Music Education, Teacher Licensure (B.S.) **Minor:** Music

Fields of Emphasis: Piano Performance and Pedagogy, Instrumental Performance, Vocal Performance, Jazz Studies

Teaching Specializations: Instrumental, Vocal

Department Website: <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/music/>

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:

The "Occupational Outlook Handbook"(OOH) reports that musicians, singers and related workers held about 247,200 jobs in 2016; 172,400 were held by musicians and singers, and 74,800 were music directors and composers. Of those who earn a wage or salary, 56% were employed by religious, grant-making, civic, professional, and similar organizations; 16% by performing arts companies, such as professional orchestras, small chamber music groups, opera companies, musical theater companies, and ballet troupes; and 15% were employed by educational services. Musicians and singers also perform in nightclubs and restaurants and for weddings and other events. The U.S. Armed Forces also offer careers in their bands and smaller musical groups. Teaching is a career area that many music majors pursue.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for musicians is expected to grow as fast as average through 2026, with the average pay being \$26.96 for singers and musicians. For music directors and composers, the median pay is \$50,590. This field is expected to grow as fast as average through 2027 with people established in their career generally earning between \$21,110 and \$109,300 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR MUSIC GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Music graduates. Of the Bemidji State University 2016-2017 Music (B.A.) graduates, 100% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. Of the Bemidji State University 2016-2017 Music Education (B.S.) graduates 100% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. These figures do not include students who were continuing their education, not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU MUSIC GRADUATES*: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

Grand Rapids School District	Teacher	Grand Rapids, MN
Paul Bunyan School	Para-Professional	Bemidji, MN
Schoolcraft Learning Community	Teacher	Bemidji, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU MUSIC GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
- University Of North Dakota-Main Campus, Grand Forks, ND
- University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#). U.S. Dept. of Labor, JIST Publishing Inc., Indianapolis, IN (2018)

For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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