**FIELDS OF STUDY**

- English Education
- Secondary Education
- Communication Arts & Literature
- Social Studies
- Academic & Behavioral Strategist
- Science | Gr. 5-8
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Instrumental Performance
- Indigenous Studies
- History
- Global Studies
- Chemistry

- **BACHELOR OF ARTS**
  - Social Studies Education
  - Music Education
  - Mathematics Education
  - English Education
  - Science | Gr. 5-8
  - Pre-Primary | 3-Pre-K

- **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE | TEACHER LICENSURE**
  - Spanish
  - Music
  - Indigenous Studies
  - Biology
  - Life Science | Physics
  - Physical Education
  - Instrumental | Vocal
  - Health Education
  - English Education
  - Pre-Primary | 3-Pre-K
  - Economics | Econ/Pol Sci/ Anth
  - Psychology
  - Philosophy
  - Jazz Studies
  - Vocal Performance
  - Indigenous Nations & Marketing (Business Administration BS)

- **BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS**
  - Visual Arts
  - Music
  - Studio Arts

- **MASTERS DEGREES**
  - Biology (MS)
  - Teaching of Business Administration (MBA)
  - Product Development (Minor Available)
  - Social Work (MS)
  - Studio Arts (MFA)
  - Visual Arts (MFA)
  - Forensic Biology (BS)

- **CERTIFICATES**
  - Alcohol & Drug Counselor
  - Leadership
  - Indigenous Studies
  - Online Instruction

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**ABOUT 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.
- Bemidji and the surrounding region have a population of around 65,000.
- There are 480 lakes within a 50-km radius of Bemidji.
- The name “Bemidji” is taken from the Ojibwe (American Indian) word Bay-mah-gi-pa-maag, which means “a lake with crossing waters,” referring to the way the Mississippi River flows through Lake Bemidji.
- Bemidji’s warmest month is July, with an average high of 26°C.

**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 is 113 kilometers south of Canada.
- By car, Bemidji is four hours north of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area.

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**NorthStar Visiting Scholar Academy** promotes understanding and cooperation between American and international university scholars through a unique, mutually enriching experience.
For faculty, the NorthStar program offers one-semester, six-month, and one-year visiting scholar opportunities. A program curriculum, designed by a designated coordinator, includes weekly seminars, experiential activities, field trips, and tours which provides scholars with a comprehensive understanding of the difference between higher education systems, American national and regional cultures, history, social fabric, and the natural environment.

Each visiting scholar is paired with a professor of matching research and/or teaching interest, encouraging collaboration. Visiting faculty live in fully furnished apartments or in a house with individual bedrooms, where a kitchen or common area may be shared with other scholars of the same sex.

If you are interested in participating in the NorthStar Visiting Scholars Academy, please complete the following items and send them to Josefina Li, NorthStar Visiting Scholars Academy coordinator:

- A completed Visiting Scholar Information/Application form.
- A copy of your passport information page with your photograph.
- Your Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- Your plan of study or research at Bemidji State University — an essay explaining the purpose of your visit, including your research or study goals.
- A letter of financial support from your university or government.
- A personal bank statement (If you are funded by your university or government, then the equivalent of $3,500 per semester in CNY is sufficient to cover food, medical insurance, super fee, and other personal expenses).
- A completed and signed Visiting Scholar General Policies Agreement.
- Documentation of English-language proficiency.

Necessary forms may be downloaded from the BSU website; visit bemidjistate.edu and search for “NorthStar Scholars.”

If your application is approved, BSU will issue you an offer letter of program details and acknowledgement. If you accept the offer, we will issue a DS 2019 form, which you will use to apply for a J-1 visa.

Most undergraduate courses at BSU can be taken on a non-credit basis, allowing NorthStar Scholars to participate in discussions and freely exchange ideas and philosophies. NorthStar Scholars are also free to participate in BSU campus activities and take advantage of the A.C. Clark Library and a wide variety of recreational facilities.

In addition, NorthStar Scholars will visit historical sites, parks, businesses, American Indian reservations, schools, and other places of interest throughout the region. Bemidji State University will issue the DS-2019 form required for obtaining J-1 visas for our admitted scholars. BSU also awards completion certificates to visiting faculty who have successfully completed the NorthStar program.

Bemidji State University will also accommodate a NorthStar visiting scholar for one semester, six months, or an entire calendar year, and provide the following:

- A fully furnished bedroom in an apartment or house, including all utilities and kitchen supplies
- Research facilities, Internet and campus intranet access, and office space upon request
- Semester-long seminars on the U.S. education system, culture, regional history, and government
- Semester-long social, cultural, and outdoor activities on campus and within the community
- Access to selected university courses, the A.C. Clark Library, Gillett Wellness Center, and other campus facilities
- A Bemidji State University faculty member as a mentor and facilitator
- Sightseeing and field trips in Minnesota
- Airport (BJI) pick up
- Super fee, which allows access to BSU health services and athletic events
- Free weekly English Learning Center lessons in a semester where there are six or more program participants
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For winter semester, BSU can adjust the program start date to February to accommodate the observation of Lunar Chinese New Year, and the program end date to the end of May. Please contact Josefina Li for questions regarding program dates and duration.

Josefina Li, (218) 755-2400, jo.li@bemidjistate.edu

The following costs are not included in the program fee:

- Round-trip travel costs to Bemidji
- Visa fees, where applicable
- Personal expenses and food
- Health insurance (required; approximately $975/semester or $1,600/year)
- Additional English Language Center instruction classes for credits

BSU also invites visiting teachers and student groups to take advantage of a variety of summer programs offered by the NorthStar Academy. Examples include a TESOL English Teacher Training program, English Language and Cultural Immersion Camp for students, a four-week Summer Preparatory Academy for Graduate School, Design Summer School, and MusiCamp.

If your group has specific summer programming needs, please contact Josefina Li for more information to discuss the possibility of a winter or summer camp customized specifically to meet your needs.