



BLACK HILLS

STATE UNIVERSITY

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MUSIC

B.S. MUSIC EDUCATION
B.S. MUSIC COMPOSITE



Concert Choir

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- » Teaching Music
- » Studio Teaching
- » Professional Performance
- » Music Business
- » Music Accompanist
- » Music Librarian
- » Music Studio Technician

BEGIN YOUR MUSICAL JOURNEY AT BHSU

Black Hills State University is proud to be fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. This means you will learn from excellent instructors in state of the art facilities who will support your learning through coursework, private instruction, and ensembles - they will go above and beyond to ensure your success. BHSU has nearly one hundred percent placement for our music education majors.

The Music Department is housed in Clare and Josef Meier Hall. Music facilities include a beautiful recital hall, private faculty and student studios, fully-equipped practice rooms with pianos, an electronic keyboard lab, large rehearsal rooms, and music classrooms.

The BHSU music program provides the diversity a student wants but the individual attention a student needs. Our growing music department offers majors in Music Education and Composite Music, as well as three different minors in music.



“BEELINE” DRUMLINE

The “Beeline” Drumline is a group of percussion loving musicians that perform at many campus events throughout the year. Learn new techniques and broaden your musical experience by joining the Beeline.



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MUSIC PROGRAM

With strong vocal and piano programs and an emphasis on instrumental performance, the BHSU Music program provides the diversity a student wants as well as the individual attention a student needs. Music students will take courses in music history and music theory while also taking private lessons. Music education majors take course work to enhance skills for teaching any K-12 environment. Music majors can become professional musicians or work in music related fields, but many choose a teaching career or graduate school to further their talent.

The Music major at BHSU offers

- Highly talented and caring instructors
- A variety of music ensembles to choose from
- Opportunities to perform on campus and across the region
- State of the art music facilities in Meier Hall

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We offer scholarship money specific to the music department. Prospective students may apply through our online form: www.BHSU.edu/Music-Scholarship.

ENSEMBLES AT BHSU

Black Hills State University offers numerous performing groups within the music program. The music program student performance groups give concerts each semester, and a musical is performed in cooperation with the Theater Department. Here is a list of the different ensembles at BHSU:

- “Beeline” Drumline
- Northern Hills Community Chorale
- Concert Choir
- Dakota Chamber Orchestra
- Chamber Singers
- Jazz Ensemble
- Community Band
- Pep Band
- Wind Ensemble
- Womens Chorus
- Roughlock Brass Quintet
- Woodwind Quintet



SUCCESS STORIES

DREW LERDAL, CLASS OF '08

Former student Drew Lerdal is a guitarist and composer in Minneapolis who scores music for film, television, and commercials. Look for him on IMDb!

JENNIFER LOFTIN, CLASS OF '17

Jennifer Loftin, a recent graduate, is the high school choral director in Sturgis, SD. She also directs the music in the community theater in Sturgis.

JESSE DUNAWAY, CLASS OF '16

Jesse Dunaway, a recent graduate, is now an award winning composer who is having success with performances of his works. He is currently a graduate student studying choral conducting at North Dakota State University.

ALUMNI QUOTES

ASHLEY LECHOLAT, CLASS OF '97

“It’s (Music Dept.) big enough to feel like an adventure and small enough to feel like home.”

RAQUEL NEESHAM, CLASS OF '15

“The generosity and genuine interest in helping students become the best musicians they can be is what ultimately drew me to BHSU.”

Where
Anything
is Possible