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STUDY AT ONE OF THE TOP PROGRAMS IN THE WORLD

The Business programs at Black Hills State University are accredited by AACSB, putting them in the top 5% of business schools in the world. Through innovative instruction, mentoring, research, internships, and service, BHSU develops business graduates who become local and regional leaders and compete in a dynamic global environment.

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“My experience at BHSU has been simply amazing. BHSU has prepared me in the best way possible to co-found Scobi Komucha, a health beverage brand as part of an entrepreneurship class. Being an entrepreneur and being able to truly impact others’ lives has been my dream. After graduation, I plan to continue my career in the health, natural foods, and sustainability industries with focus in social environmental projects locally and internationally.”

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SPECIALIZATIONS

- **ACCOUNTING**: This Accounting specialization is for students interested in corporate, government, or small business accounting. This degree also provides flexibility for students having prior academic credit who wish to work towards meeting the 150-hour requirement for the CPA exam.

- **ECONOMICS**: The Economics specialization provides in-depth knowledge of economic concepts, theories, and mathematical methods and prepares students with critical thinking and analytical skills needed to succeed in a wide range of occupations in business, finance, banking, consulting, and government.

- **ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES**: The Entrepreneurship specialization prepares students with the diverse skills needed to run a small business or to be innovators within larger organizations. In this program, students are encouraged to take risks and experiment with new ideas, to grow their professional network, to observe and understand their customers, and to become experts within their own industries.

- **HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**: The Human Resource Management specialization helps students develop competencies in key areas of Human Resource management including recruitment, selection, training, compensation, employment law and performance management.

- **MANAGEMENT**: The Management specialization prepares students to work with and through others to accomplish the goals and objectives of their organizations by effectively managing employees and other resources. Management is a dynamic field found in every business and industry. Management specialists obtain problem-solving, decision-making, teamwork, strategic management, and leadership skills.

- **MARKETING**: The Marketing specialization is a challenging program that prepares students to assume their future career in marketing management.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **ACCOUNTING FAIR**: The annual Accounting Fair, for accounting and professional accountancy majors, is held every fall, welcoming local and regional employers to both the Spearfish and Rapid City campuses. Students network and interview with employers to secure internships and full-time positions.

- **CAREER FAIR**: Each spring semester, BHSU holds its annual career fair, open to all majors and welcoming over 60 employers to campus to meet with students seeking part-time, full-time, and internship positions.

- **ASSET MANAGEMENT LAB**: Coming Spring 2022. Students will have the opportunity to study and learn about the financial sector in the lab featuring real-time live updates from the New York Stock Exchange.

FACULTY PROFILE

**CHRIS WARDELL**
Accounting

Chris Wardell completed his undergraduate and graduate accounting studies at another AACSB accredited school - Auburn University. He brings several years of professional accounting experience to the School of Business, having worked in the tax practice of a large international public accounting firm before transitioning into academia. His passion for education and financial literacy was demonstrated during his time in practice through his extensive volunteer experience with the nonprofit organization Junior Achievement, including serving on the firm’s JA committee and designing and implementing a JA Job Shadow program.

Chris takes pride in working with his students to set them up for success upon graduation. He incorporates real-world examples into the classroom based on his professional experience and is readily available to help his students outside of the classroom.

Chris continues to be active in the community and currently serves as the coordinator for BHSU’s VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) clinic.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- **BETA GAMMA SIGMA**: Beta Gamma Sigma is the international honor society for AACSB accredited schools of business, whose mission is to encourage and honor academic excellence, to foster personal and professional excellence, and to advance the values of Beta Gamma Sigma. The top 10% of junior and senior business majors are invited to join this prestigious organization.

- **BUZZ MARKETING**: BHSU Buzz Marketing strives to increase the awareness of marketing on campus by providing students with correct ways to network, complete a resume, and use marketing tactics to in turn receive the experience of being involved in a nationally recognized organization.

- **JACKETS INVESTMENT CLUB**: The Jackets Investment Club seeks to provide all students an opportunity to learn more about investing. The purpose of the club is to give members the opportunity to learn and practice new investment tools. Using real-world applications, students will strengthen their knowledge of economics, markets, and finance.

- **VITA PROGRAM**: Advanced Income Tax Accounting students participate in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), gaining hands-on experience preparing tax returns for low-income individuals.