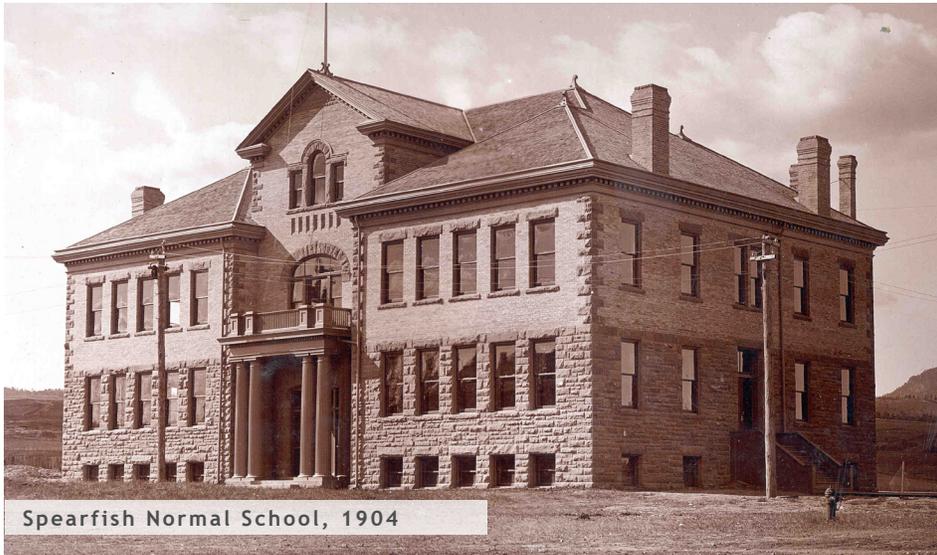




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HISTORY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (B.S. ED.)



Spearfish Normal School, 1904

FIND YOUR CAREER:

There are employment opportunities in a variety of sectors:

- » Archives
- » Editing
- » Education
- » Forest Service
- » Government Agencies
- » Grant Writing
- » Historical Preservation
- » Historical Site Interpretation
- » Historical Societies
- » Law School
- » Museums
- » National Parks Service
- » Publishing
- » Research Organizations

DIVING INTO THE PAST

Studying history at BHSU ensures an engaging student-centered experience. Dynamic courses offer the chance to study American, European, Latin American, African, and Native American history, along with the opportunity to travel abroad with faculty members. Thanks to BHSU's location in the Black Hills of South Dakota, unique hands-on opportunities exist such as conducting research at the Case Library for Western Historical Studies or gaining skills as an intern at one of the numerous museums in the Black Hills. The History Department at BHSU prepares its graduates to enter into a variety of professional fields.

- ◆ **STUDENT-CENTERED CLASSROOMS:** Small class sizes allow for increased discussion and interaction with professors.
- ◆ **RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:** Numerous opportunities exist to either conduct research with a history professor or chart your own undergraduate research experience.
- ◆ **INTERNSHIPS:** Internships are available year-round with a variety of archives, historic sites, parks, and museums in the Black Hills region.
- ◆ **INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:** Whether presenting at an international conference or traveling abroad with a faculty member, BHSU professors aim to create global citizens by giving students hands-on experiences beyond the classroom.



HISTORY OF MODERN GERMANY

BHSU course History of Modern Germany includes a faculty-led international trip to European countries including Germany, Hungary, and Poland. Offering another opportunity for international travel is the History and Geography of Food in Italy course. This course is team-taught with a historian and geographer and includes a trip to Italy to research foods of different Italian regions.



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UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

RESEARCH: Participate in ongoing research on and off campus to gain hands-on experience in a field that you love.

- Veterans Legacy Program: students research and work with families of interred veterans to develop public history materials for the five veterans cemeteries in the Black Hills region.

INTERNSHIPS: Discover unlimited possibilities for an internship in the Black Hills or strive to participate in a regional or national internship. Students from BHSU have interned with:

- Adams House
- Adams Museum
- Days of '76 Museum
- Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission
- Journey Museum (Rapid City)
- Keystone Historical Society Museum
- Members of Congress
- Mt. Rushmore
- Rockpile Museum of Gillette (Gillette, WY)
- Sanford Visitor Center
- Vore Buffalo Jump

CERTIFICATES: Earn a certificate for specialized training in a specific area of public history including museums, historic site interpretation, and archives.



History and Geography of Food in Italy Students
in front of the Duomo, Florence



Justin Bergeson, Class of 2015

STUDENT EXPERIENCES

COURTNEY BUCK

Graduate of 2017, Courtney Buck is currently attending law school at USD. During her time with BHSU, Buck was a University Honors Scholar and conducted research regarding historical trauma on Pine Ridge reservation. She was also on the student leadership team for the Veterans Legacy Program where she developed several biographies and ran trainings on conducting oral history interviews.

DONALD KEIFERT

Graduate of 2016, Donald Keifert interned at Mt. Rushmore during his time at BHSU and developed a personal research project on the experiences of Lakota servicemen during WWII. Keifert also had the opportunity to work at Sanford-Homestake Visitor Center in Lead, the Abbey Museum in Maine, and the Journey Museum in Rapid City.

HUGH COOK

BHSU offers one-of-a-kind opportunities to travel abroad and continue studies. Hugh Cook, graduate of 2017, studied abroad in Lithuania and presented at the National Conference of Undergraduate Research (NCUR). Cook researched the history of the pine beetle in the Black Hills. After graduating, Cook went on to work for Senator Enzi in Washington D.C.

JUSTIN BERGESON

A member of the cross country and track team, Justin Bergeson is a graduate of 2015. While at BHSU Bergeson served as a mentor for the history department and assisted other students with their history studies. After graduation, Bergeson worked for Senator John Thune in his Washington D.C. office and is now attending law school at the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

KELSEY LOFTUS

Graduate of 2019, Kelsey Loftus studied abroad multiple times. She took the study abroad course, "History of Modern Germany." Loftus also presented at Botho University International Research Conference in Botswana with Dr. Adam Blackler on the need for greater education on the Herero-Namaqua genocide in Namibia.

LUCAS FRALICK

Currently enrolled in the History Master's Program at the University of Wyoming, Lucas Fralick is a University Honors Scholar graduate of 2016. Fralick served as Student Senate President and researched President Harry Truman's decision to drop the atomic bomb.