Focus on sound effects in storytelling: film, TV, theater, video games, theme parks, virtual/augmented reality, and the venues of tomorrow.
A degree in sound design from Michigan Technological University is valued by the industry. Many of our students walk into high-level jobs after graduation. That’s because we cover the full spectrum of sound, from recording, mixing, and mastering to narrative analysis. The program is built on strong technical arts components. Our facilities include surround-sound production rooms for cinema, theater, and gaming. Unlike many programs elsewhere, Michigan Tech students have 24/7 access to studios and equipment.

Create the future
Experiences that build connections and confidence begin at Michigan Tech and extend far beyond. Our sound design grads work throughout the industry worldwide, just like the faculty who prepare you for your career. Get the skills you need to create the future. Our graduates are prepared to work as:

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• Live sound engineers
• Sound effects recordists, Foley artists
• Tour managers

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• Build relationships with professors and peers; our limited enrollment allows for more time with equipment as well as quality time with faculty and fellow students.
• Study fundamentals: from the technological principles of professional audio production to creative analysis of a design project; translating ideas into sound via field recording, studio production, synthesis, and other techniques; working with directors and producers, and more.
• Explore areas of interest as you work side-by-side with faculty, staff, and visiting touring companies to stage the many productions scheduled each season, from concerts to theatrical productions to featured guest speakers.
• Complete technical arts training in all aspects of the profession in state-of-the-art facilities with 24/7 studio access and a computer lab equipped with the latest entertainment-dedicated software.
• Understand how to develop your career, from student internships to post-graduation employment in the industry. Network and present your work at professional industry events.

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The area’s waters, forests, and snowfall (200+ inches annually!) offer skiing, snowboarding, hiking, biking, and paddling opportunities. Historic downtown Houghton is active with locally owned shops, eateries, high-tech companies, music festivals, and parades. We embrace our size, climate, sense of adventure, and originality. Michigan Tech wouldn’t be the same anywhere else on Earth—and we wouldn’t have it any other way.

About the Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts
The Rozsa’s Black Auditorium performance hall is a proscenium space with variable acoustics and sophisticated lighting, sound, and projection technology. Students in VPA programs work on a variety of in-house productions as well as touring professional shows.

About Michigan Tech
Michigan Technological University is a public research university, home to more than 7,000 students from 54 countries. Founded in 1885, the University offers more than 120 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science and technology, engineering, forestry, business and economics, health professions, humanities, mathematics, and social sciences. Our campus in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula overlooks the Keweenaw Waterway and is just a few miles from Lake Superior.