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• Explore acting with courses in
  • Vocal techniques for media
  • Musical theatre performance
  • Audition techniques
  • Acting for television and film
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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 Houghton

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.

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