



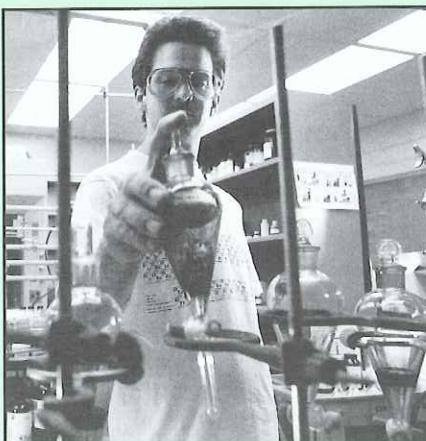
The School of Natural Sciences

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The School of Natural Sciences includes the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, and Psychology. Special programs of the school include the Science Careers Opportunity Program (SCOP), the Certificate in Biotechnology, the Man/Woman and the Natural Environment thematic cluster, and the South Pacific Semester.



The Mission of the School

The School of Natural Sciences provides study for students in the areas of biology, chemistry, geology, mathematics, physics, and psychology by offering courses in the majors. Support courses for nonscience majors such as agriculture, engineering, and the health professions and courses for the general education of all university students are also offered through the school. In doing so, our goal is to provide professional training at the undergraduate and graduate levels, to serve as a foundation for a career in science/mathematics, to provide pre-professional training in preparation for careers in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, and other professions or for continued study at the graduate level.

Furthermore, students and faculty members in the school conduct research and scholastic activities in their academic areas and in solving applied scientific problems of the region. This research activity is carried out among campus scientists along with investigators at other regional research centers.

The School of Natural Sciences also is involved with the school systems in science and mathematics teacher education. The recruitment, retention, and education of underrepresented minorities and females in science and mathematics are also major emphases.