

THE MVNU EXPERIENCE



CHOICES—You make them daily about every aspect of your life. Right choices make you feel good about who you are and how you live your life.

The choices you make define who you are and are becoming.

As you think about the choice of a college education, we want you to know that at Mount Vernon Nazarene University you have choices of relevant and challenging majors that will open the doors to experience discovery and growth.

Travel. Serve. Learn. In a real community of faith where professors give you personal attention and you know you're not a number; you're one of us.

We'll show you how you can afford it too. It's all a matter of choice. Make the right one.

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CHOOSE IT. FEEL IT. LIVE IT.

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Welcome to the Natural and Social Sciences! I am excited about the programs we offer and encourage you to explore this brochure.

MVNU will prepare you for many career opportunities that require an understanding of the natural and social world and the methods used to solve problems in our society. Whether your interests lie in teaching, laboratory work, clinical practice or going on to graduate or professional school, the natural and social sciences have something to offer you.

Our professors are highly qualified and strive to help each individual achieve his or her personal goals. Our warm and caring environment creates a community of believers preparing for service to God and others. Our alumni literally "span the globe" in their successful careers.

I invite you to consider coming for a visit, as you are making decisions about the direction your life will take.

*Dr. Robert T. Kasper,
Dean, School of Natural and Social Sciences*

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Environmental Science

Courses in conservation, environmental science, and ecology, as well as specialized upper-division field courses, prepare graduates for immediate employment or graduate studies in the environmental field. The MVNU campus location along the Kokosing River (a state scenic river), a University-owned wooded natural study area, and several lakes, state parks, and wildlife management areas nearby provide numerous opportunities for outdoor fieldwork.

Graduate School/Employment

This program prepares students for success in graduate school or employment in a science setting (i.e., laboratory), with a focus on the specific goal of each student so the necessary scientific foundation is achieved.

Pre-Medical and Allied Health Professions

Students planning on a career in a medical or allied health profession can follow specialized program tracks in pre-medicine and pre-dentistry, pre-occupational therapy, pre-optometry, pre-physical therapy, pre-physician assistant, and pre-veterinary medicine. (For details, see separate Pre-Medical and Allied Health brochure.)

Teaching

A major focus of the scientific community is the training of teachers who can advance study in the sciences. Our program in life science education is specifically designed to prepare students to be effective educators in middle school and high school environments.

MAJORS

Students in Biology may choose a major in one of the following programs:

- **B.S. in Biology**
 - Environmental track
 - General track
 - Graduate school/industry track
 - Pre-medical/pre-dental track
 - Pre-occupational therapy track
 - Pre-physician assistant track
 - Pre-physical therapy track
 - **B.S. in Life Science Education**
 - Leads to licensure in teaching adolescent to young adult programs that meets the requirements for Ohio and many other states.
- Minors are also available in Biology and Environmental Biology.

BIOLOGY PROGRAMS

The study of biology fosters an appreciation of the function and diversity of life and provides the knowledge and tools for proper stewardship of God's creation. Not only is our faculty committed to applying biblical principles to the understanding of theories and concepts vital to effective service in the workplace, but we also have a strong focus on community that enables growth in personal and interpersonal relationships.

Highly qualified faculty will guide you through relevant classes and field experience and introduce you to conferences and social events where you will expand your horizons.

State-of-the-art laboratories round out an excellent environment for learning.



WHAT OUR GRADUATES ARE SAYING

"MVNU was instrumental in preparing me for a career in medicine. I believe that my undergraduate education was equal to or better than most of the other medical students in my class. The distinct advantage I continue to enjoy is the Christian influence my professors had on me and my life."

TIM LINKER, M.D. ('94)
Healthlink Family Practice and Sports Medicine, Mason, OH

"MVNU's Biology Department not only has dynamic teachers who greatly prepared me for my job, but also teachers who were dedicated to the maturation of my spiritual growth and instilled Christian morals/values that will impact my life forever."

HOLLY FOLK ('97)
Physical Therapist, Adena Regional Medical Center, Chillicothe, OH

