

Biology

at Pacific Union College

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A Conversation with Robin Vance, Ph.D.

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The PUC biology program has a great reputation. But where's the proof?

With about 5,000 students nationwide, 14 PUC seniors took the Major Field Test (MFT) in biology in 2009. In this nationally normed and comprehensive test,

graduating PUC biology majors have averaged an impressive 92nd percentile for the last 10 years. Feedback from our graduates also indicates that they were well prepared for careers or for further study.

What career opportunities are there for biology majors?

Most of our graduates apply to medical or dental school (PUC has high rates of acceptance to pre-professional programs — over twice the national average). Smaller numbers go into secondary education, proceed to graduate school, or apply to veterinary medicine. A number of students complete three years at PUC and matriculate into clinical

programs such as pharmacy and allied health fields (physical therapy is particularly popular).

Are there any field study trips for biology students?

There are a number of field study trips associated with particular classes in biology (marine science, flowering plants and ecology, to name a few). The PUC biology department also has an affiliation with the Rosario Beach Marine Station in Anacortes, Washington. Students with a particular interest in marine field courses may select from a number of options every summer.

What does biology teach us about Christianity?

The study of biology helps us learn to use evidence to study the natural world. In a similar way, learning to evaluate evidence can help us come to know the character of God.

What is your favorite animal?

I like dogs because I have a white miniature schnauzer who likes me almost as much as she likes cheese.

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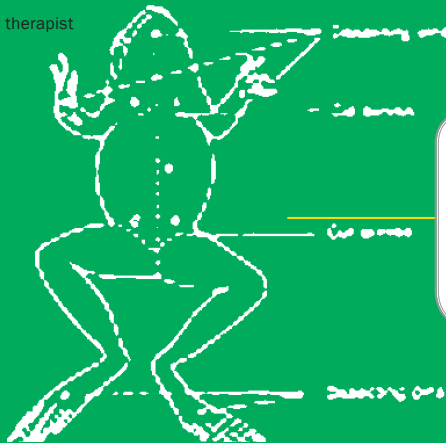
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PUC Alumni: Roles Our Grads Take On

- Physician (in a broad spectrum of specialties)
- Veterinarian
- Graduate student in biology or geology
- Chiropractor
- Dentist
- Secondary school teacher
- Environmental health specialist
- Public Health
- Pharmacist
- Optometrist
- Biology professor
- Laboratory coordinator
- Pastor
- Physical therapist

Biology Fast Facts

- The B.S. in biology exceeds all requirements for entry into medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine.
- Modern laboratory equipment allows students to perform their own experiments in current fields such as immunology, molecular genetics, and cancer biology.
- Department museums include extensive collections of mammals, birds, insects and plants.



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