In the Beginning

1950s: University offered science and mathematics classes
1966: Division of Sciences and Mathematics established
1967: School of Sciences and Mathematics established
1968: College of Sciences and Mathematics established
1969: Robert B. Smith serves as founding dean of the College
1969: 500 undergraduate students; 41 graduate students; 39 faculty

Five core areas: biological sciences; chemistry, geoscience; mathematics; physics (and astronomy)
College Deans

Robert B. Smith 1968-1981
David Emerson 1981-1989
Ernest Peck 1989-1995
Warren Burrgren 1995-1997
Raymond Alden 1997-2000
Peter Starkweather 2000-2001
Fred Bachhuber 2001-2003
Ronald Yasbin 2003-2008
Wanda Taylor 2008-2010
Timothy Porter 2010-2016
Stanley Smith 2016-2017
Eric L. Chronister 2017-present
Aerial view of campus, 1968
Founding Dean and Mathematics Professor Robert B. Smith
Biology Faculty Member
Dave Turner, 1968

Biology Faculty Member
Raymond James Hock,
circa 1960s
Mathematics Professor
Lewis Siminoff, 1968

Mathematics Professor
Chester Lankaer, 1969
Biology Lab, 1971

Astronomy Professor
Barney Krinski, 1972
Biology Lab, 1973

Chemistry Lab, 1973
Physics Professor
Friedwardt Winterberg, 1969

Physics Professor
David Bennum, 1973
Biology Research at Lake Mead, 1974
Aerial view of campus, 1975
Juanita Greer White Life Sciences Building Groundbreaking, 1975

Juanita Greer White Life Sciences Building Construction, 1976
Presentation by Hewlett Packard to Physics, 1975

Chemistry lab, circa 1970s
Outstanding Chemistry Seniors, 1976

Chemistry Professor
Stanley Grenda, 1978
Chemistry Lab, 1990

Physics Professor Paul Hinzten, 1990
1991:
The College of Sciences and Mathematics has 800 students and 82 faculty members.
Robert L. Bigelow Physics Building

The 70,000 square foot building was completed in 1994 and cost $11 million. A glass wall facing the courtyard offers both filtered daylight and an homage to a sine wave. An apple tree pays tribute to Newton's theory of gravity while the roofline over the labs mimics the Quonset huts in which the developers of the atomic bomb worked during World War II. The light spectrum is represented in colorful banners hanging inside and the Big Bang theory in the concentric circles radiating out from where the building's two wings meet.
Aerial view of campus, 1997
Spring 1997:
The College of Sciences and Mathematics becomes the College of Sciences
Science and Engineering Building: Construction completed in 2009
\[-\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2)\]

\[b(M) = \frac{M}{\sigma^2}\]

\[c(M) = -\frac{M^2}{2\sigma^2}\]
Fall 2018
2,500 undergraduate students
250 graduate students
127 faculty members