

# Physical Science

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Physical science is the study of the nature and properties of energy and nonliving matter. "Matter" is the scientific term for anything that has mass and volume. There are two sub-categories in physical science: natural science and earth science. Natural science includes the study of astronomy, chemistry and physics; whereas earth science includes geology and natural history. A basic understanding of physical science is needed for study of the applied sciences (such as computer science and engineering) and life sciences (such as biology and ecology).