



West Los Angeles College Math and Science Building



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About the Project:

The Math and Science Building at West LA College will serve as the college's new instructional laboratory and classroom building. Located at one of the highest points on the west side of the city, the facility offers a spectacular view of the west Los Angeles basin.

With a capacity for 1,600 students, the 88,000 sq. ft. building will be separated into three structures; two buildings and a planetarium. The main tower or the instructional research building will be the largest building on campus and is set to include classrooms and labs for physical sciences, life sciences, and mathematics, as well as college spaces consisting of large lecture halls. The second building includes the dental hygiene department on its first floor and faculty offices on the second floor. The orientation of the two primary buildings was set by maximizing daylighting and minimizing heat gain.

Green Features:

This project is registered with the U.S. Green Building Council, pursuing a LEED Silver certification. The mechanical system is engineered to obtain 15 percent of its energy through photovoltaic panels adjacent to the structure. Additional sustainable elements include casework developed from wheat-board core material, recycled-content phenolic resin exterior panels, and a reduction of materials that affect the ecosystem.

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