



Palomar College Humanities Building

SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

The Humanities Building, located on the Palomar College San Marcos campus, occupies a narrow site between the LPA-designed Multidisciplinary Building and Learning Resource Center. Designers embraced the site footprint's bar-shaped form and transformed what could have been a massive, mundane structure into an elegant, streamlined campus building.

Hemmed in by limited site dimensions, the three-story, 70,000-square-foot building reuses the footprint of a previous structure, a strategy that maximized functional space while minimizing site work costs and campus disruption. The Humanities Building houses a range of academic programs that includes journalism and communication, English, foreign languages, ESL, and a reading and writing center.

The exterior materials palette combines rich terracotta cladding, sleek metal panels, exposed concrete and high-performance aluminum windows. A continuous band of ribbon windows separates the first and second floor, making the upper two-story mass appear to float.

PROJECT DATA

CLIENT

Palomar Community College District

SERVICES

Architecture, Engineering, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Master Planning

AWARDS

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FACTS

66,800 square feet