

University of California at San Diego

Social Sciences Building and Super Computer Office Building
La Jolla, California



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This 75,000-square-foot facility is located at the top of a ridge, affording panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean to the west and the mountains to the east. It parallels Ridgewalk, the major north-south pedestrian axis of the campus.

Conference rooms, laboratories, a media room, and demonstration classroom on the ground floor are adjacent to a series of open courtyards that provide space for informal public gatherings.

The second through fourth floors contain the administration and faculty offices for six departments within the Social Sciences division: Latin American studies,

sociology, urban studies, political science, anthropology and ethnic studies.

The exterior is clad in a combination of white and black ceramic tile and light grey stucco, with accent walls and columns in powder-coated aluminum panels. Railings and miscellaneous metal trim are brushed stainless steel.

The operable window system combines jalousies with integral louvers, frosted glass clerestories, and reflective glass view windows, forming a composite environmental wall system. Ceiling fans and operable transoms over the doors reinforce cross-ventilation.

1 View from west of super computer office addition with demonstration room at left

2 View from courtyard

3 Detail of west facade



Detail of exterior stair



Computer Center office addition from northwest

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View from east



Ground level arcade and circulation balconies



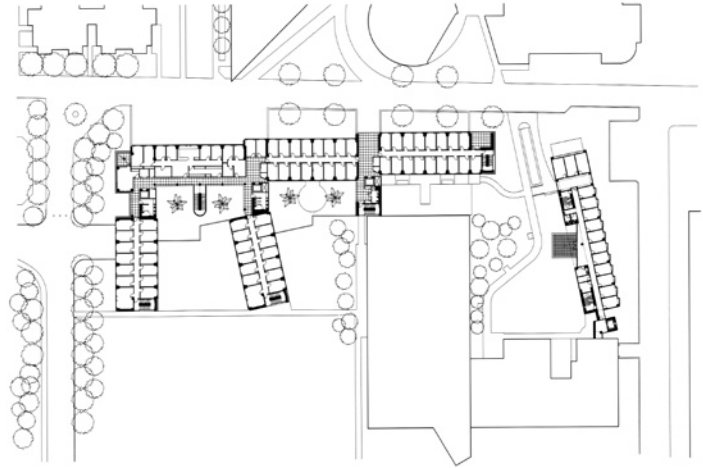
Faculty office

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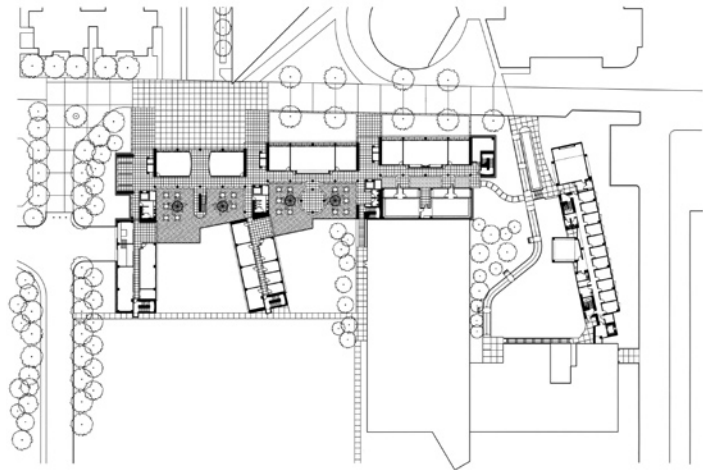
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Key Project Information

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- **completion** 1995
- **gsf** 75,000



Second level



Ground level