

# Social Science Building Renovation

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**Project Quick Facts:**

Estimated Cost:  
\$32,967,672

Gross Square Feet (GSF)  
Renovated: 106,322

GSF New Space: 13,000

Total Project GSF: 119,322

**Current Social Science Building**



**Rendering of Renovated Facility**



- | Departments/Majors  | Minors/Institutes            |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| • Anthropology      | • Aerospace Studies          |
| • Criminal Justice  | • International Politics     |
| • Geography         | • Legal Studies              |
| • History           | • Public Administration      |
| • Philosophy        | • Military Science           |
| • Political Science | • Naval Science              |
| • Social Work       | • Neurosciences              |
| • Sociology         | • Women Studies              |
|                     | • Olene S. Walker Institute  |
|                     | • Richard Richards Institute |

WSU's highest facility priority is to renovate the Social Science Building. For over 35 years it was the largest and most heavily used classroom building on the Ogden Campus, with over 40 classrooms and 80 offices.

Constructed in 1973, the building continues to be one of the most heavily used instruction buildings at WSU. It is occupied from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. during the academic year.

This facility is due for a major renovation in light of numerous factors:

- Over \$3.5 million in deferred maintenance.
- Infrastructure systems at the end of their useful life and without additional capacity.
- Envelope and roof problems.
- Inadequate fire suppression.
- Easily contaminated air intake.
- Ineffective and outdated instructional spaces
- Confusing layout for way-finding and egress.
- ADA accessibility issues.
- All galvanized piping systems.
- Building over-pressurization.
- No student study or gathering spaces.

Professional structural analyses estimate \$50 to \$60 per square foot in value can be utilized from the existing structure as part of a renovation. In addition, plans would include enclosing 13,000 square feet of open patio on the first level. These efficiencies make possible a 119,322 gross square foot building for a cost of just under \$33 million.