CSU Chico Arts and Humanities Building

The new Arts and Humanities building at Chico State is an epicenter for creative activity and a bridge between campus and downtown.
Project Team

Planning, Design and Construction
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Relevance

State-of-the art technology
Critical site (completes historic quad)
Town and gown interface
Diverse urban context
Arts as campus experience
CM-at-Risk
CSU system shorthand

Departments

Art (ART)
Comparative Religion and Humanities (CORH)
English (ENGL)
International Languages, Literature, and Cultures (ILLC)
Philosophy (PHIL)

Program

Recording studio
Learning labs
Arts studio
Art galleries
Lecture space
Recital hall
Research studios
Ceramics and glass blowing spaces

Gateway
A pass-through pulls students, staff and faculty into the building from either the street or the campus quad, enhancing the vibrant gateway experience.

Courtyard
This project is about bringing different students together in a mix of arts, intellect and discovery. The Courtyard helps make this happen. Located on Kendall Lawn and with the main recital hall on display for the quad, it is the place students will congregate.

Theater
This project required acoustic mitigation as the main sound-based experiences share walls with two of Chico’s auto and pedestrian thoroughfares.

Art
Integrating art into the campus experience and projecting this ethos onto downtown Chico was a central goal of the project. WRNS participated in a public arts competition and helped select the winning artist whose art will be on display in the custom built vitrines which we designed.