



Cougar Den

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Location:

1600 W Imperial Highway
Los Angeles, CA

Design Build: HGA Architects / W.E. O'Neil Construction

Program Management: Jacobs

Completion: Fall 2026

Construction: \$34 million

Funding: Measures CC

LEED Certification: Silver

This 2-story, 31,000 square foot building will serve as the heart of student life at Southwest College. Cougar Den, the campus' student union, will enable social interaction, provide flexible and contemporary spaces to work, study and play.

This new addition will add student lounge spaces, a gaming room, conference and meeting spaces and offices for the Associated Student Organization, Student Life and Administration. In addition, it will add dedicated spaces to vital student services like the Campus Food Pantry.

The new indoor and outdoor dining areas will accommodate seating for over 200 students and faculty and feature individually branded food stations offering a variety of food choices. Heated/refrigerated cubbies are provided to facilitate mobile ordering. A separate cafe will offer early and afterhours service in addition to the dining facility.

The building incorporates a number of sustainable design features, such as drought-tolerant landscaping, maximizing the use of natural day light and the use of readily recycled renewable materials. Plus it will have rooftop solar-power photovoltaic panels with the capability of generating 240,584 kWh per year avoiding approximately 57.25 metric tons of CO2 emission per year.

Founded in 1967, Southwest College has been dedicated to social justice, community activism and ensuring all students receive a truly transformational college experience. Southwest College awards associate degrees in more than 30 fields and occupational certificates in more than 45 disciplines. The recent investment in campus infrastructure and progressive programs provide students with a stellar learning environment and a foundation for their future.

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