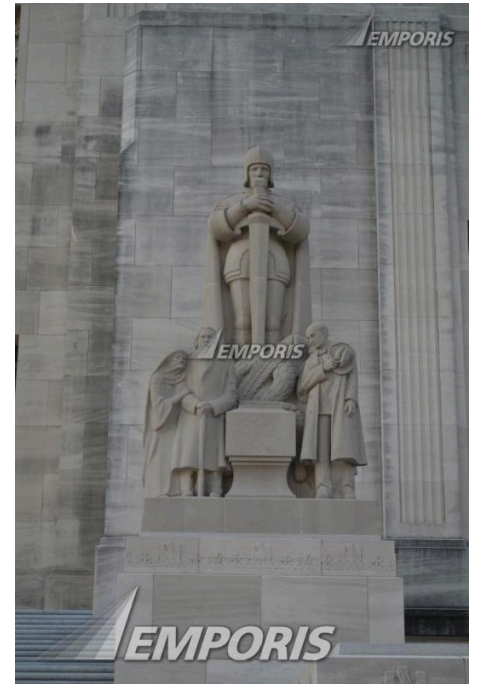


Louisiana State Capitol



Identification

EBN 127355

Name Louisiana State Capitol

Alternative Name New Capitol

Construction Type skyscraper

Complex Type governmental complex

Complex Name Capitol Park

Current Status existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name North America

City Name

Baton Rouge

Country Name U.S.A.

Postcode

70821


State Name Louisiana

Address (as text)

300 State Capitol Drive at 5th Street

Metro Area Name	Baton Rouge-Pierre Part Combined Statistical Area	Main Address	300 State Capitol Drive
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Description

Structural Material	steel	Facade Color	white
Facade System	curtain wall	Architectural style	Art Deco
Facade Material	limestone	Main Usage	 governmental office capitol (national subdivision)

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	460.01 ft	Height (obs. deck)	350 ft
Height (tip)	460.01 ft	Floors (overground)	34
Height (roof)	460.01 ft		

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1931	Building costs	\$ 5,000,000
Year (construction end)	1932		

Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- City landmark
- Observation deck on roof

Facts

- Tallest state capitol in the United States.
- Tallest building in Louisiana 1932-1969; surpassed by Plaza Tower in New Orleans.

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- A public observation deck is on the 27th floor.
- The exterior is faced with Alabama limestone. Over 30 varieties of marble and stone were used in the interior.
- A carved frieze around the base illustrates scenes from early Louisiana history.
- The corners at the 22nd floor are guarded by winged figures representing Law, Science, Philosophy, and Art.
- The capitol is surrounded by a 50-acre park with ten miles of walks and drives.
- The grave of governor Huey P. Long, the driving force behind this building, is also found here. The controversial governor was assassinated in the capitol in 1935.
- A broad flight of 48 granite steps leads up to 50-foot high bronze doors ornamented with bas-reliefs by Lee Lawrie.
- The 48 steps are engraved with the names of the 48 states that were part of the union upon the completion of the capitol in 1932. Alaska and Hawaii had their names engraved in the top landing adjacent to the main entrance upon their admittance into the union in 1959.
- Inside the entrance is the huge Memorial Hall, featuring several artworks including a bronze relief map of Louisiana showing several of the state's products.
- The pelican - a symbol of Louisiana - decorates many parts of the building including the stairway and grillwork.
- Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

Involved companies

Architect.....

Weiss, Dreyfous And Seiferth

N/A

Email N/A

N/A New Orleans

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Additional company data available for this building

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