



K-12 School & Community Group Visits FAQ

Tour Logistics

How do I request a tour at the Hammer?

To request a tour, please refer to our [K-12 tour booking page](#). Tour availability begins three weeks from the current date. After you select your preferred date, you will be prompted to complete a tour request form.

Do you offer online tours?

Yes, the Hammer offers free online tours for K-12 groups. You will be prompted to indicate your preference for an online tour on the tour request form.

If I don't want a guided tour, can I still bring a group to the Hammer?

Yes. Self-guiding groups of 60 students or less can book their visit on our [K-12 tour booking page](#).

When are K-12 tours offered?

Online and in-person K-12 group tours are available 11 a.m.–12 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Saturdays (except major holidays). Online K-12 tours are also offered on Wednesdays from 10:30–11am. Please note that tour availability is limited during breaks in the UCLA academic calendar.

What is the capacity for tours?

We offer guided tours for K-12 groups with a minimum of 10 students and a maximum of 45 students. The maximum capacity for self-guided tours is 60 students.

What is the Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden?

Located approximately two miles north of the Hammer Museum, the [Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden](#) spans more than five acres of UCLA's campus and includes more than 70 sculptures. If you would like to tour this space, indicate "Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden" as your preferred location on the tour request form.

Can my group request an online tour of the Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden?

Unfortunately online tours of the Sculpture Garden are not available at this time.

Who gives tours at the Hammer?

Group tours at the Hammer Museum are led by student educators, UCLA students from diverse disciplines who bring unique perspectives to the artwork on view.

Are tours only offered in English?

Spanish-speaking educators are available upon request with advanced notice and are also subject to availability.

How much does a tour cost?

All tours at the Hammer Museum are free!

Can we bring lunch?

Yes. You are welcome to enjoy lunch in the Hammer's courtyard or the Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden after your tour. (Be sure to check out our [Spun Chair](#) guide ahead of your visit!) At the Hammer, staff will store your lunch in a safe place while you are on your tour and bring your lunch out to you at the conclusion of your tour. In the sculpture garden, there is no lunch storage.

Does the Hammer provide bus scholarships?

Bus scholarships are available to teachers from Title I schools who attend our [summer teacher institute](#).

Does the Hammer organize the video-conference details for online tours, or should I?

Please let us know if your group has a regular link you use for meetings. We are happy to generate one ourselves if your group would prefer not to provide one.

My group has special learning needs. How can I communicate those needs to the student educators?

When you fill out your tour request form, let us know how your students learn best in the "Accommodations" section of the form.

This will be our first time in a contemporary art museum. Is there anything I can do to get my students ready for our visit?

For high school groups, check out our [Guides for Getting Started with Contemporary Art](#) on our Teacher Resource page.

Can my class stay at the museum after our tour is done?

Yes, if you would like to self-guide after your tour is done, you are welcome to do so.

What can I do with my students in Westwood before or after my guided tour?

For information on sight-seeing in Westwood Village, please refer to the [Westwood Village Association](#). The closest outdoor space to the Hammer Museum is the [UCLA Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden](#), which is open from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. on weekdays.



Tour Content

How long is a guided visit?

Tours are 60 minutes long.

What will my students be doing on their tour?

Tours at the Hammer Museum involve close looking, conversation, and art-making. Your students will spend time with 3-4 works of art, have an inquiry-based discussion about each, and engage in hands-on activities prepared for your students throughout the tour.

My visit to the Hammer will be a part of a larger lesson in my classroom. How can I incorporate my lesson into my guided visit?

On our tour request form, in the “What Are Your Learning Goals for This Visit” fields let us know if there are specific curricular goals you have for your students that our tour may support. If you have worksheets or assignments prepared that you would like your students to work on during their tour, we recommend that those be saved for either before or after the guided experience in the galleries.

How can I find out which exhibitions we’ll be seeing on our tour?

You can see our [current](#) and [upcoming](#) exhibitions on our web page. If there is a specific show you’d like to see, let us know when you fill out your tour request form.

Arrival at the Hammer

Where can our bus park?

School buses must drop off and park at the museum entrance on Lindbrook Drive, located one block north of Wilshire Boulevard.

We have chaperones who are driving to the museum separately. Where can they park?

Convenient parking is available under the museum. Entrances to our parking garage can be found on Westwood Boulevard or Glendon Avenue between Wilshire Boulevard and Lindbrook Drive. Rates are \$7 for the first three hours with museum validation, and \$3 for each additional 20 minutes, with a \$20 daily maximum. Parking is cash only.

Accessible parking is provided on levels P1 and P3. Visitors with a disabled person parking placard (DP placard) or license plate (DP plate) may park all day for \$10.

I have a visit scheduled in the Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden.

What if it's raining?

Our educators will be prepared to give tours in the sculpture garden in the case of light rain. If we can determine that weather conditions will be too poor for an outdoor tour 48 hours in advance of your scheduled tour, a member of the academic programs team will reach out to you to discuss rescheduling options.

I'm running late for my visit. What do I do?

If you are running late for your tour, call the museum at 310-443-7000 to share your updated arrival time. Tour groups that arrive more than 30 minutes after the scheduled tour time will be asked to self-guide.

I've arrived early for my visit. What do I do?

If you arrive at the museum before your visit, call Hammer security at 310-443-7049. A member of our staff will welcome your group into the courtyard. If you are more than 30 minutes early we recommend that you eat lunch before your guided tour begins.

If you have a question about tours not found here, send us an email at tours@hammer.ucla.edu.