



# K-12 School & Community Group Visits FAQ

## Tour Logistics

### How do I request a tour at the Hammer?

To request a visit, 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.

### When are K-12 tours offered?

K-12 group tours are available **Tuesday–Friday** at the times listed below. Tours are 60 minutes long. Please note that tour availability is limited during breaks in the UCLA academic calendar.

Tuesday: 11 AM or 1 PM

Wednesday: 11 AM

Thursday: 11 AM or 1 PM

Friday: 11 AM or 1 PM

### 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.

### 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.

### How much does a tour cost?

All tours at the Hammer Museum are free!

### Does the Hammer provide bus scholarships?

Bus scholarships are available to teachers from Title I schools who attend our summer teacher institute.

### Do you offer online tours?

The Hammer offers in-person tours only at this time.

**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](#).

**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. Please note that the Sculpture Garden is about an 8-minute drive or 30-minute walk from the Hammer Museum.

**Are tours only offered in English?**

Spanish-speaking educators may be available upon advanced request.

**How can I communicate my students' needs and accommodations 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.

**Is there anything I can do to get my students ready for our visit?**

High school groups can 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. Please let us know if you plan on doing this, as this helps us to track gallery capacity. (Be sure to check out our [Spun Chair guide](#) ahead of your visit!)

**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. Please arrive promptly to ensure your tour can start on time.

**What will my students be doing on their tour?**

Your students will deeply engage with 3 works of art through facilitated conversations. They will practice close looking and inference-making skills, learn about different artistic practices, and connect art to their everyday lives. Your students will spend time with 3-4 works of art and have an inquiry-based discussion that deepens their engagement and understanding about each.

**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.



## Arrival at the Hammer

### **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 exhibit you'd like to see, let us know when you fill out your tour request form.

### **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.

If your group is arriving by bus, please have the bus driver drop off your group at our entrance on Lindbrook Drive (one block north of Wilshire). Bus parking is available on Lindbrook Drive on a first-come, first-served basis. Please instruct your driver to pull up to the end of the bus parking area and turn the ignition off in observance of municipal code. The driver is more than welcome to wait inside if weather conditions are uncomfortable.

### **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 \$8 for the first three hours with museum validation, and \$3 for each additional 20 minutes, with a \$20 daily maximum. There is a \$7 flat rate after 6 p.m. on weekdays, and all day on weekends. Accessible parking is provided on levels P1 and P3. Please note the parking lot clearance is 7'6" for P1 and 6'11" from P2 and below.

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

#### **What if it's raining?**

Our Student 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?**

15 minutes before your tour time, a member of our staff will welcome your group into the courtyard (at 10:45AM for your 11AM tour, and at 12:15PM for your 1PM tour). If you arrive at the museum before an 11 AM tour, call Hammer security at 310-443-7059. 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.

## Lunch

**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. 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.

**LULU**

You can find more information regarding Lulu, like menu and reservations here: <https://www.lulu.restaurant/>

If you have a question about tours not found here, send us an email at [tours@hammer.ucla.edu](mailto:tours@hammer.ucla.edu).