

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](#). 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 11AM. Please arrive at 10:45am for a mandatory pre-tour check-in. We also have slots for K-12 or adult tours at 1PM on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Tours are 60 minutes long. Please note that tours are offered in accordance with UCLA's 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.

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. Student educators lead conversation-based, student-centered conversations about works on view.

How long is a guided visit?

Tours are 60 minutes long and feature 3-4 artworks. Please arrive 15 minutes before your tour begins for a mandatory check-in to ensure your tour can start on time.

How much does a tour cost?

All tours at the Hammer Museum are free!

Does the Hammer provide bus scholarships?

We are not able to provide bus scholarships at this time.

Do you offer online tours?

We only offer in-person tours at this time.

How many chaperones should accompany our group?

The Hammer requires 1 chaperone for every 10-15 students.



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?

We may also be able to offer Spanish language tours and bilingual English/ Spanish tours upon request.

How can I communicate my students' needs and accommodations to the Student Educators?

You will be prompted to share about students' needs and accommodations in the tour request form.

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

Please review the gallery guidelines found in your confirmation email with your students to help set expectations ahead of their visit. If you'd like to self-guide after your visit, you can find additional gallery guide resources 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 ahead of time if you plan on doing this, as this helps us to track gallery capacity. (Be sure to check out our [Teacher Resources page](#) for a list of gallery guide resources 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. For guided tours of the UCLA campus (a short drive from the Hammer Museum), consider booking a tour with [UCLA Cub Tours](#).

Tour Content

Do Hammer tours align with state standards?

On tour, students will practice observation, analysis, and collaborative comprehension skills connected to Social Emotional Learning Standards, California Arts Anchor Standards, and California Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts. Guided tours at the Hammer Museum are conversation-based, allowing students to practice critical thinking, visual analysis, and democratic discussion.

What will my students be doing on their tour?

Students will look closely at 3-4 works of art and have a facilitated, 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?

The tour request form includes space to share about your group, including anything you would like us to know about what they are learning in the classroom. We recommend that any worksheets or assignments you may have brought 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 [here](#). If there is a specific exhibit you'd like to see, let us know when you fill out your tour request form.



Arrival at the Hammer

When should we arrive?

If you are booked for a 11AM guided tour, please arrive promptly at 10:45AM for a pre-tour check-in with Hammer staff. Your gallery tour will begin at 11AM.

If you are booked for a 1PM guided tour, we ask that you please arrive at 12:45PM for a pre-tour check-in. Your gallery tour will begin at 1PM.

If you are booked for a self-guided tour, the galleries will open right at 11AM.

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 Blvd.

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.

If your driver needs to park elsewhere after dropping you off, additional bus parking is available on the UCLA campus at a bus turn-out by the Intramural Field on Charles E. Young Dr. North, off of Sunset Blvd. (Located in section D3 of campus map). Please instruct your driver to turn the ignition off in observance of municipal code.

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 \$9 for the first three hours with museum validation, and \$3 for each additional 20 minutes, with a \$30 daily maximum. There is a \$9 flat rate after 5 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'm running late for my visit. What do I do?

If you are running late for your tour, please call the museum front desk 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 10:45AM, call Hammer security at 310-443-7059. A member of our staff will welcome your group into the courtyard. Please be advised, we are unable to open the museum for groups before 10:30AM. If you are more than 30 minutes early, we recommend that you explore Westwood before your guided tour begins.

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

What if it's raining?

Our Student Educators are 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.

Lunch

Can we bring lunch?

Yes. You are welcome to enjoy lunch after a 10:45am tour or before a 1pm tour in the Hammer's courtyard as space permits or the Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden. 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

The Hammer's restaurant, Lulu, is not able to accommodate school lunch groups. You can find more information regarding Lulu [here](#).

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