

College and University Group Visits FAQs Sheet

Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art welcomes college and university students to take advantage of the cultural resources we have to offer. We would like to encourage instructors and professors to bring their classes to the museum during the wonderful selection of exhibitions we offer each year. These visits may be guided or unguided.

Rates and Scheduling:

We provide a **discounted Education Rate** for classes of college students visiting with an instructor. *To qualify for this rate*, a tour must be scheduled with the museum education department at least two weeks prior to the date of the visit and the provided contract must be signed and returned. ***Group organizers may decide if they want a tour guide or not at the time of scheduling the visit.***

- ❖ Education rate for college students on prescheduled visits: \$5 per student, tour organizer is free, additional visitors pay regular museum rate.

Permission to draw, photograph, etc. in the galleries is granted on a case-by-case basis; please inquire when scheduling your visit. The following parameters are considered when evaluating a request: the nature, size and layout of the exhibit, lighting, traffic volume and flow, timing of visit and size of the group. This policy is to ensure the safety and comfort of all of our patrons.

Large classes wanting a guided experience may need to be divided into more than one visit to the museum, depending on the nature of the exhibition and its tour. For larger groups not requiring a guided tour, two options exist: an unguided visit as a class or an informal tour. The unguided visit is scheduled the same as a guided visit, however larger groups can come together and have their instructor present for questions and idea generation. An Informal Tour is a visit pre-arranged over a two-week period that allows students to visit for the Education Rate at their own convenience (see Informal Tour FAQs sheet for further details).

All attempts should be made for tours to be scheduled during regular museum hours. Visits outside museum hours will be subject to additional fees.

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