

The Museum of Modern Art

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SPECIAL FREE HOURS FOR COLLEGE CLASSES

AT THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

Undergraduate as well as graduate classes in art history and studio art will now be able to visit The Museum of Modern Art's galleries without charge during non-public hours, Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 and Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30. Small groups of students, accompanied by instructors, may study works of art and hold discussions in the exhibition areas without distraction or interference from the public.

The program, which has been in operation since January and which is funded by a generous grant from the Art Dealers Association Foundation, Inc., was originally open only to graduate students. Last year students from numerous colleges and universities took advantage of this opportunity.

"We are pleased to be able to expand the Museum's role as a teaching facility by making it possible for colleges and universities to incorporate the study of original works of art into their class program without additional costs," notes William Burback, the Director's Special Assistant for Education.

Instructors interested in bringing classes during the special hours must write the Department of Education or call (212) 956-7540 between 10 and 2, at least two weeks in advance; reservations are required. There is no admission charge for these visits and the Museum provides the necessary security staff. Up to 30 students may be included in each group. The number of groups using the galleries during any single period is limited.

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The Museum's policy regarding group visits by college students during regular Museum hours remains in effect. These visits can be scheduled between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and occasionally between 6:00 and 8:00 pm on Thursdays. Students in these groups pay 75¢ each. Reservations should be made at least three weeks in advance by writing Group Visits, The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street, New York, New York 10019, or by telephoning the Department of Education, (212) 956-7540 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

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