

WINTERTHUR



Arranging a Classroom Visit to Winterthur

What is Here?

The museum and library collections at Winterthur allow students to explore the social, political, intellectual, and cultural history of the seventeenth through the early twentieth centuries. Our rich resources and setting make Winterthur a fabulous place to visit if your class is studying art history, architecture, craftsmanship, horticulture, interior design, set design, art conservation, history, and American literature.

The museum collection focuses on decorative and fine art made or used in America between 1600 and 1860. The collection encompasses approximately 90,000 objects including ceramics, furniture, glass, prints, maps, paintings, metalwork and textiles. The library contains printed books, periodicals, trade and auction catalogs, manuscripts, printed ephemera, photographs, and archival resources. Winterthur's grounds include 60 acres of gardens that bloom from late February through November, displaying a variety of botanical specimens.

What Types of Tours Are Available?

Winterthur's museum and library collections, period rooms, gardens, and conservation departments are all available for scheduled classroom visits for undergraduate and graduate classes and seminars. The Office of School & Community Programs will facilitate your visit, helping you select a house or garden tour from our current offerings, or contacting staff to arrange a visit that is customized to meet your curriculum needs.

How Do I Plan a Tour?

If you are considering arranging a tour for your course, but are unsure of what objects you would like to see, which rooms to visit, or whether Winterthur may have objects related to your course, contact the Graduate Assistant or Curatorial Fellow listed below. They will aid you in locating objects in the collection. Exploring the online databases can also aid you in finding relevant objects. These databases can be navigated from Winterthur's homepage (winterthur.org). At the top of the screen, hover your cursor over the word "Collections" and then scroll down to "Online Collections."

How Do I Schedule a Tour?

Class visits require an appointment. To plan and schedule a visitor or tour, contact Lois Stoehr, Associate Curator of Education in the office of School & Community Programs. Stoehr will coordinate visits with curators, conservators, or librarians and arrange an itinerary.

Classroom visits range in price from \$10-35 per student, depending on the duration of your tour and the number of workshops you wish to include in your visit.

Free parking is available in the visitor parking lot. Directions to the library and museum collections are available at the visitor center adjacent to the visitor lot. Handicapped parking is available at the visitor center and at the library.

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