

# Harvard Art Museums

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## Student Print Rental

The Student Print Rental Program, a beloved part of student life at Harvard since the early 1970s, gives current Harvard undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to bring art into their living spaces and make it a part of their everyday lives. For the duration of an academic year, Harvard students can enjoy their chosen print in their dorm room. This close contact fosters an appreciation of art as students learn to care for the works, form their own interpretations, and come to understand the intrinsic power of art.

### *How do I participate in the Student Print Rental Program?*

Join us Monday, September 30 for this year's Student Print Rental Program, held in the museums' Art Study Center between 10am and 5pm. Browse original works of art in the Student Print Rental Collection and select one to borrow for the 2024–2025 academic year.

Prints will be rented on a first-come, first-served basis for an annual fee of \$30 (cash only). No reservations are necessary; simply enter the museums through the Broadway entrance on Monday, September 30. Only one print may be rented per student. Only students living in Harvard University properties, Harvard College Houses, and freshman dorms are eligible.

You will be asked to show your Harvard ID upon arrival. Capacity in the Art Study Center is limited, so you may have to wait for your chance to enter.

Please be prepared to take your chosen print with you when you leave the museums. It is your responsibility to pick up, transport, and hang your rented print. Please keep this in mind when choosing your print, as the works range in size and weight. Consult with your building manager to find the best option for hanging your print.

Print return will be Monday, May 5, 2025.

### *What is a print?*

A print is a work of art composed of ink on paper or cloth. These “impressions” are created by an indirect transfer process. There are various printing techniques that an artist may use, including such well-known examples as woodcut, etching, lithography, and screenprint.

### *Are all of the works in the Harvard Art Museums collections available to rent?*

The only works that can be rented are in our Student Print Rental Collection.

### *Can Harvard University employees rent a print?*

The Student Print Rental Program is available only to Harvard students.

***How many works can I rent?***

You may rent only one work each academic year.

***Can I view the prints in advance?***

Prints can be viewed in the Art Study Center during [Harvard Student After Hours](#) on Thursday, September 19 from 7 to 9pm. Students attending Harvard Student After Hours will also have the opportunity to enter a drawing to win a chance to rent an original print before the official first day of print selection.

***Can I rent a print for my off-campus apartment?***

Only students living in Harvard University properties, Harvard College Houses, and freshman dorms are eligible.

***How much is the rental cost?***

Each print has an annual rental fee of \$30; fee may be waived in circumstances of financial hardship. After selecting your print, you will be asked to sign a contract and pay the rental fee with cash.

***Do I transport and hang the print myself?***

It is your responsibility to pick up, transport, and hang your rented print. Please keep this in mind when choosing your print, as they range in size and weight. Consult with your respective building manager to find the best option for hanging a framed print. We recommend using brass hook picture hangers to hang your print. Do not use Command Strips.

***Can I leave my print at the Harvard Art Museums until I am able to transport it back to my room?***

You must take your chosen print with you when you leave the museums. Once you sign the contract, the print is your responsibility.

***My roommate and I would both like to rent a print. Is there a limit to how many prints can be rented for a room?***

There is no limit to the number of prints that can be rented per room. Each roommate may rent one print.

***I have a frame that I think my rented print would look much better in. Can I replace the frame?***

No, you may not for any reason remove or replace the existing frame on a print you have rented from the Harvard Art Museums.

***How do I clean the print?***

Dust prints with a dry cloth only. Do not clean with spray or water, which may streak the Plexiglas surface and possibly stain the artwork.

***I accidentally damaged the print. What do I do?***

If a print is damaged while in your care, do not try to fix it yourself. Immediately contact the Harvard Art Museums at 617-495-2379 or [am\\_campusloans@harvard.edu](mailto:am_campusloans@harvard.edu).

A museum employee will schedule a site visit to assess the damage. If the frame is unstable, remove the print from the wall and lay it flat on a surface where it will be undisturbed.

***I don't like the print I rented. Can I return it and rent another one? Do I get a refund?***

You may return a print, but rental fees are non-refundable.

***I have moved to another room on campus. Do I need to update anyone about this?***

Yes, please provide your updated contact information to [am\\_campusloans@harvard.edu](mailto:am_campusloans@harvard.edu).

***When does the print I rented need to be returned?***

Print return will take place in the Materials Lab, located on the Lower Level of the Harvard Art Museums, on Monday, May 5, between 10am and 5pm. During this time, you must return your print to a Collections Management staff member in the Materials Lab; do not leave your print anywhere else inside or outside the museums. Remember that you are responsible for the replacement value if the print is lost or destroyed.

If you are unable to return your print during these times, please contact [am\\_campusloans@harvard.edu](mailto:am_campusloans@harvard.edu) to make other arrangements.

***Can I return a print prior to the return period?***

Yes. Please contact [am\\_campusloans@harvard.edu](mailto:am_campusloans@harvard.edu) to make other arrangements.

***What happens to the print once it is returned?***

The condition of each work in the Student Print Rental Collection is assessed and compared to the condition reports taken prior to its rental. If there is new damage to the print, the individual who signed the rental contract will be charged for the cost of repairs.

***Can I buy the print that I rented?***

No, the works included in the Student Print Rental Program are not for sale.

***I have a question that isn't included here. Who can I ask?***

If you have any questions about the Student Print Rental Program or to request a fee waiver, please email [am\\_campusloans@harvard.edu](mailto:am_campusloans@harvard.edu).