Welcome!

This semester, the University of Victoria offers a unique Campus Art Tour designed to showcase the rich variety of artistic expressions on campus. From paintings and sculptures to installations and digital art, this tour will take you on a journey through the diverse world of art created by our students, faculty, and community.

The tour will begin at the lower level of the Art Building, where you will be greeted by a friendly guide. From there, you will visit several locations around campus, including the University Art Gallery, the Centre for the Arts, and the Engineering Building.

University Art Gallery

The University Art Gallery is home to a diverse collection of contemporary art, including works by local and international artists. The gallery is open to the public and free of charge.

Centre for the Arts

The Centre for the Arts is a hub for artistic expression, hosting exhibits, performances, and workshops throughout the year. It is a great place to see the latest developments in the arts and meet the artists themselves.

Engineering Building

The Engineering Building is not only a place for learning engineering but also a space for creative expression. Here, you will see how art and engineering intersect to create innovative designs and solutions.

My Grand Tour (3 hours)

The complete tour will last 3 hours and will take you to various locations around campus, including the University Art Gallery, the Centre for the Arts, and the Engineering Building. You will see a wide range of art from different disciplines and eras.

My Short Tour (1 hour)

For those who are short on time, we offer a shorter tour. This tour will focus on the University Art Gallery and the Centre for the Arts, allowing you to see the highlights of these two locations.

My Evening Tours

For those interested in exploring art at night, we offer evening tours of the University Art Gallery and the Centre for the Arts. These tours are led by our experienced guides and are a great opportunity to see the art collections in a different light.

My Lunch Hour Tours

If you need a break during your day, we offer lunch hour tours of the University Art Gallery and the Centre for the Arts. These tours are perfect for a quick escape from work or school.

I hope you enjoy your tour and discover the beauty and creativity that surrounds us here at the University of Victoria.
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My Short Tour (1 hour)*

This approximately one-hour tour exposes you to a range of art on campus, without wearing you out. Enjoy the Mezz Mezzanine/McPherson Library extensive and striking collection of paintings and particular by the acclaimed artists of Stan Greene and James Grotzing (as well as the Mainwood Print Gallery on the lower floor), then head over to the First Peoples House to discover aboriginal carvings (including the inspiring ceremonial door by Rock Barney), as well as a rotating exhibit of contemporary works. Your tour finishes at the Compton Building, where you will find an impressive display of contemporary East and Strait Salish works by Susan Point and Chris Paul.

This short tour not only features some of the best art in the campus collection, but also highlights the rich artistic practices of the traditional aboriginal territories on which UVic sits.

* All tour times are approximate, depending on your walking speed and ability.

My Medium Tours A & B (2 hours each)

For a greater appreciation of UVic's art collection, we're pleased to offer you a choice of two distinct tours. Each begins with an exploration of the Mezz Mezzanine/McPherson Library but then heads off in a different direction across campus.

While enjoying Tour A, you'll see a pure of Rodin's 'Napoleon' marble, a wall-sized fabric assemblage by Emily Sublesz, Grant Lijt's portrait of Eliza, L. bronze sculptures by Katharine McMillan and animal paintings by J. Herold Cundith, among many others in a variety of mediums.

Highlights of Tour B include carvings by Martin Schudlof, fine arts of four musical instruments, works by Paul Hagar, sculpture by Mythenna, paintings by Herb Selinger and Charles Elmsley's famous Moon Mask, named after a few.

My Grand Tour (3 hours)

This complete tour will let you discover a vast collection of works in many mediums in nearly every building on campus. We encourage you to take your time and be sure to stop for a break in one of the many food courts across the campus. Keep your eyes open for the sculptural installations and fountains on the university grounds, and for unexpected discoveries of the fine art of the Fine Arts Building, the public collection of glassworks in the Hidman building and the varied selection of works in the University Centre.

My Lunch Hour Tours

Don't have a lot of time to dedicate to an extensive tour? Check out these one-hour tours, which are just long enough to see the collections in one or two nearby buildings—but short enough to tick into a lunch hour and still appreciate the art you'll see.

- Tour 1: Mezz Mezzanine/McPherson Library
- Tour 2: Social Sciences & Mathematics + Administration
- Tour 3: Fraser + Fine Arts

My Evening Tours

While not every UVic building is open in the evening, some are. See the list below if you'd like to plan a visit after regular business hours:

- Mezz Mezzanine/McPherson Library
- Fraser
- University Centre
- University Club
This tour map was created by John Threlfall (Faculty of Fine Arts) and Sandra Curran (Faculty of Human & Social Development) as a result of their collaborative participation in UVic’s Mentoring Program 2012.