Event Rental Information

Thank you for considering the Kemper Art Museum for your special event! The Museum's central spaces—the Lobby and Saligman Family Atrium—showcase dramatic works of art and lend themselves perfectly to cocktail receptions and seated dinners. The Museum’s galleries remain open during events, providing guests with the unique experience of viewing art in special exhibitions and permanent collection displays.

Availability

- Evenings, 5–11 pm (including setup and breakdown)
- Mornings, 9–11 am
- The Museum is not available to rent on Tuesdays.

Capacity

- Lobby and Atrium combined: 3,000 square feet
- Standing Reception Capacity: 250 / Seated Dinner Capacity: 80
- There are no catering facilities, but a small food preparation space is available to rent.

Rental Rates

- Museum Rental Fee: $500/hour with a 3-hour minimum
  - 30–60 minutes will be added for setup and breakdown at the Events Coordinator's discretion.
- Catering Prep Space Fee: $200
  - The caterer must supply walk-off mats to protect the carpet under the prep area. Campus custodians must be utilized to clean/vacuum.

Included with Rental

- Full Museum access: all galleries are open for guests to enjoy
- Staff: Events Coordinator, Security Staff, Visitor Experience Associate
- Tables: three 8-fts, five 6-fts, three café tables, three tall cocktail tables, four cocktail tables (tall or short)
- Chairs: 12 coffee bar chairs, 80 lecture/dinner chairs
- Podium and media cart
- Sound system with two wireless mics

Custodial Services

An event porter to aid with event setup, breakdown, cleaning, and trash removal, etc., may be secured and charged to the renter at the current hourly rate. A porter is REQUIRED in the following situations:

- Friday and Saturday evening events
- Events with extensive setup and breakdown, including seated dinners, lectures, and performances
- Events with 75 or more guests

Parking

- The East End Parking Garage provides convenient underground parking for the Museum. Depending on the event time, number of guests, and nature of the event, some fees may apply.
- A valet service may also be employed. Parking and/or valet needs must be planned with the Events Coordinator (and Washington University Parking Facilities, if applicable) at the time of your reservation.