



PRINCETON UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM

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Outside the Princeton University Art Museum



The new Princeton University Art Museum (PUAM) will house 32 galleries, a two-story conservation studio, and an 8,800 square-foot education center – all housed in a hulking aggregate stone exterior.

The exterior design of the new art museum, however, has garnered some controversy among members of the campus community.



“There’s going to be a range of comments on the architecture; some people love it, some people won’t. That’s true with anything.”

“That echoes the experiences people are going to have with the arts. Not everybody loves every piece of art that’s in the museum.”

Chris Newth, Senior Associate Director for Collections and Exhibitions



The renovated museum is split into nine sections, referred to as “pavilions.” The central north pavilion is home to Marquand Library of Art and Archaeology. The central south pavilion will house a two-floor conservation studio, an area which “combines science and research and activity.” The themes of the remaining seven pavilions have not yet been announced.



The new museum has been conceived as a way of connecting the University and the broader community. The new building, for instance, will feature four entrances that are lined up so students and community members can walk through the museum to cross campus. The corridors, referred to as “Art Walks,” form a cross through the building and will be lined with art for those who are simply walking through.



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Caption: The new Princeton University Art Museum (PUAM) will house 32 galleries, a two-story conservation studio, and an 8,800 square-foot education center all housed in a hulking aggregate stone exterior. The PUAM is set to open in October 2025, with the exact date to be announced in late March. Ahead of PUAMs opening in October, The Daily Princetonian received an exterior tour of the building from Senior Associate Director for Collections and Exhibitions Chris Newth. The tour included an overview of the museums architectural design and interior features. Tap the link in our bio for the full story. Reporting by Victoria Davies and Cynthia Torres. Post design by Catherine Ross. Photo credit: MC McCoy / The Daily Princetonian.

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