

Group Opportunities



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What Can We Do For You?



LATITUDE aims to provide access to high-end digital media equipment, offers a professional production space, and designs instructional opportunities to make these resources available to the public. LATITUDE is excited to offer group educational opportunities including tours, workshops, and critique space. Our group programming at LATITUDE strives to offer affordable academic opportunities to local high school, college, adult education programs, and other non-traditional groups of creatives.



Audience

LATITUDE's tours, workshops, and visits can be designed for a group based on their educational interests and/or needs. These opportunities would benefit all those who are looking for an introduction to the lab space, exploration of printed matter, and an introduction to the Chicago image making community.



Accessibility

Parking

LATITUDE Chicago is part of the Hubbard Street Lofts which has a shared parking lot for the entire building. The parking lot has one dedicated handicap space. If the space is occupied please contact a LATITUDE staff member at 773.888.2241 and we will be happy to assist.

Entrance

There is a call box at the main door that can be used to gain access to the building. The front door may be too heavy for some people to use independently, contact a staff member if assistance is required. Once inside there is a small ADA ramp over one step. If assistance is needed with entering the building please contact a Latitude staff member at 773.888.2241.

Elevators

There is a large elevator, our space is located on the second floor. Once off the elevator follow the hallway to the right.

Restrooms

A single use non-binary restroom is located in our space however, it has two steps to enter it. There are ADA accessible non-binary restrooms on the 1st and 3rd floors available via the elevator.

Our Space

All of our workstations including flatbed scanners as well as the small and large format printers are wheelchair height accessible. Staff members are available to assist with paper handling, trimming and transporting prints to the parking lot. Please contact us for any concerns regarding specific equipment.

We have Spanish speakers on staff, please let us know in advance if you require translation services.



Lab Tours

Tours run for approximately 30 minutes for classes or visiting groups and are always free of charge.

A LATITUDE staff member will lead the group through the space; talk about the facilities, monthly workshops and events; cover student pricing and our recent grad program as well as answer any questions the group might have. These tours can be customized to your group's interests, just let us know beforehand what you would like to learn more about!

Contact education@latitudechicago.org to schedule your next tour!

Lab Class Visits

LATITUDE offers a variety of workshop-oriented class visits. These visits can be scheduled from 1 ½ to 3 hours depending on the size and goals of the class.

Intro to Print Workshop

Students use the lab with our Lab Assistants and learn the basic printing process on professional Epson inkjet printers through our color-managed workflow. This workshop will cover paper selection, file preparation, Photoshop print settings, and printer settings. This offering can be made free for visiting CPS schools!

Portfolio Reviews

Sit down with a member of the LATITUDE staff to review portfolios with your group. We can cater the conversation to topics like AP project assessment, applying to college programs, breaking into the professional photography field, and conceptual strength. This option is free of charge.

Professional Practices Discussion

Bring students to the lab and talk with LATITUDE staff about working in the non-profit arts community or other career paths after school. Learn about the Lab Assistant and Fellowship programs as well as what paths are available for image makers in the current job market. This option is free of charge.

Host a Critique

Host a midterm or final critique at LATITUDE! Your students can use the magnetic viewing wall and color critical lights to previsualize their presentation standards. Members of the LATITUDE staff can join as guests upon request. This is no fee but coordination is required.

Color Theory and Printing

Interested in sharing color theory through printing techniques? LATITUDE can host a discussion about light, color, photography, and how it influences printing processes. This option is free of charge.

Zines & Books!

LATITUDE has a library of zines printed at the lab or locally and can host a discussion about how they are made, best practices, and sequencing techniques. We can also share examples of printing media that might work best for your projects.

Off-Site Visits

LATITUDE staff can travel to your facility for guest presentations and critiques. These visits can be scheduled from 1 hour to a full day depending on what you would like to accomplish. Donations to the organization are appreciated for Off-Site visits.



Professional Practices Discussion

Two staff members visit advanced level classes to lead a tailored discussion on a specific subject. Topics can include but are not limited to, future career paths, the Chicago art scene, working for non-profits, starting an organization, and many others.

Guest Critique

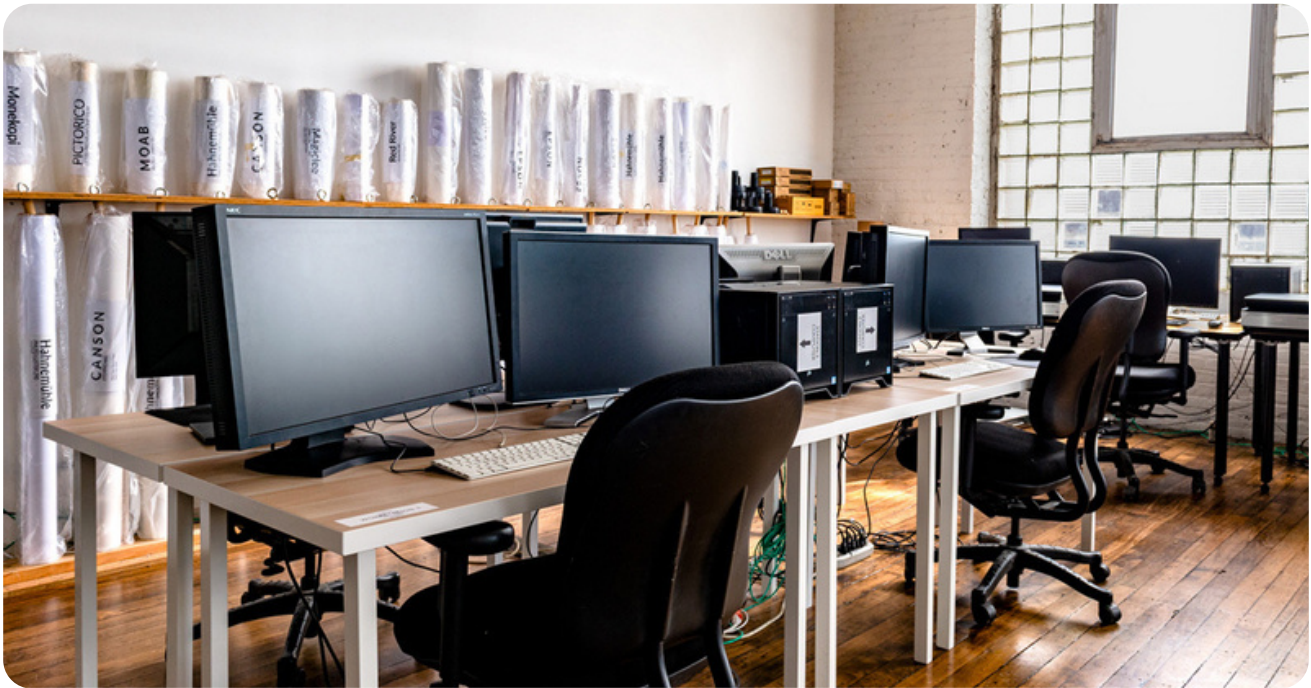
Staff members can visit the classroom to participate in midterm or final critiques as guests.

Off-Site LATITUDE Discussion

Can't make it to LATITUDE but want to share our organization with your students or community? We are happy to make off-site visits to your school or community organization to talk about paper types, printed materials, scanners, opportunities, portfolio reviews, and much more!

LATITUDE also offers technical lab consultations at a negotiable hourly rate as well.

Please direct all inquiries for these consultations to info@latitudechicago.org.



Hours

LATITUDE is open for group visits and workshops Tuesday through Friday from 10am–5pm with some flexibility depending on class meeting times.

How to Schedule

Please email education@latitudechicago.org with three possible dates, your preferred time and length of visit, class size, name of institution/organization and what the class is looking to do with LATITUDE. We will provide you with options for programming, best dates, and further questions to best suit your group.

At this time, class workshops are limited to once a month. Please keep in mind that we are operating out of a small space and requests will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.



Payment

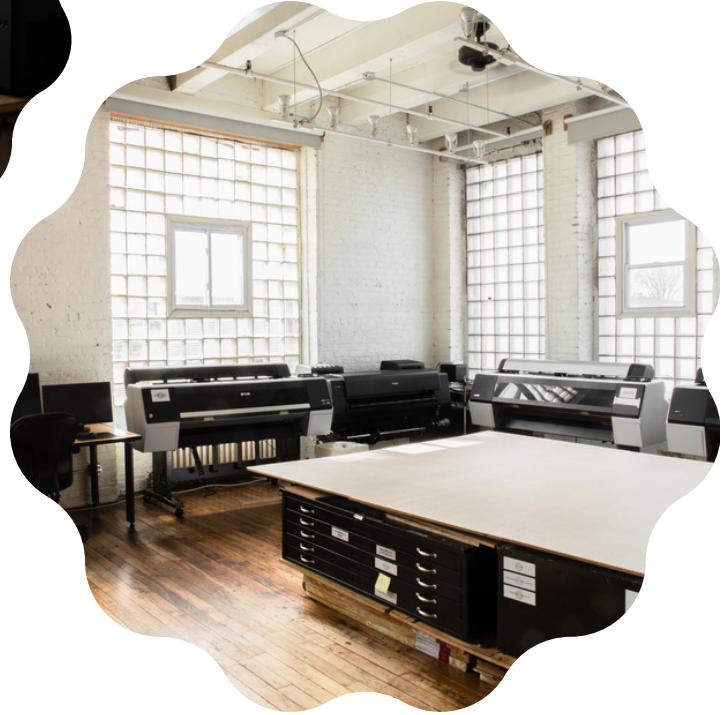
Latitude depends on donations, grants, and service revenue. Though it is not mandatory, please consider supporting the organization with a tax-deductible donation to support Chicago's community of makers and thinkers if you schedule a visit. Donations can be made through our website and through Paypal.

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) can schedule a class workshop or site visit free of charge. All other institutions and organizations will be charged a reasonable standard fee based upon the service requested. Payment will be discussed in further detail when scheduling an appointment.

For groups with participants aged 17 and under: We do require that the instructor or chaperone to sign a liability waiver before attending our space with their class.

Cancellation

If you need to cancel an appointment, please provide a 48-hour notice. Groups who arrive late will be accommodated only until the scheduled end of their appointment.



LATITUDE CHICAGO

The LATITUDE Residency program brings 8-10 artists into the lab annually to develop and produce their projects free of charge while receiving guidance, training and support from staff and volunteers. Artists gain access to the LATITUDE community through their day-to-day interactions, studio visits, and staff supported development of a piece of free public programming. In return, artists are asked to be active as both resources and mentors to the LATITUDE community, sharing their insights and creative methods. The goal of the residency program is to further LATITUDE's mission of promoting creative collaboration between our users and the wider art and photographic communities.



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