



Facilities

LexArt is a two-story building. We have several studios of varied sizes that are equipped to host course offerings. We also have a large parking lot where tents are set up for outdoor workshops. Outdoor workshops are subject to being moved indoors, in the event of inclement weather. If you would like to know more about the details of your course location, please refer to the information page for your course, which is linked in your confirmation email.

The second floor of our building is handicap accessible through the front entrance, which faces Waltham Street. There is a lift to the second floor located behind the Nye Gallery. Some workshops and classes take place outside of the gallery's open hours. If that is the case, accommodations can be made in advance via the contact information on your course website or by notifying a staff member upon arrival. Typically, indoor workshop participants are welcomed through the member entrance, located on the side of the building that faces the parking lot. If any issues arise with wayfinding, please don't hesitate to ask for help.

We have a refrigerator and sink available if you would like to bring your own food and drinks. These are in the Member Room, which also has a table, a few chairs, and a couch. Outdoors, there are several picnic tables and benches in both grassy and partially shaded areas around our building.

Local Dining

There are several affordable and convenient restaurants and cafes on Massachusetts Ave within a 5–10-minute walk of LexArt. If you are interested in coffee, tea, or bakery items, there is a Peet's Coffee, Starbucks, and a Panera Bread, all of which have mobile apps you can use to schedule an order for pick-up. Avenue Deli and Via Lago both offer sandwiches, salads, soups and other deli fare for take-out. Love at First Bite Thai Kitchen and Bar offers take-out, dine-in, and delivery. Bertucci's Italian offers take-out, delivery, and dine-in and has some outdoor seating. There is a Rancatore's Ice Cream and Yogurt and a CVS nearby as well.

Accommodations

The Inn at Hastings Park (<https://www.innathastingspark.com>)

Its self-descriptor, "Modern Luxury, Surrounded by History" is apt. Everything at this small boutique inn-- from the Frette sheets to the farm-to-table food in its outstanding restaurant, is top notch. Staying here is to indulge, and you get everything (and more) that you pay for. Each elegant room is unique, so there is a range of prices, depending on the room you select. Summer 2021 rates run from \$250-\$500/night, but the owner of The Inn has offered LexArt students a 15% discount. The Inn is a very pleasant 15 minute walk or a 5 minute ride on one of their bicycles, from LexArt. It is also a stop on the town's public transport system, Lexpress. (<https://www.lexingtonma.gov/lexpress>).

Aloft Hotel (<https://www.reservations.com/hotel/aloft-lexington>)

This mid-range hotel is located 2 miles from LexArt and is accessible via Lexpress. A step up from a Hampton Inn in quality, this hotel offers an affordable, if paired down lodging option. Summer, 2021 rates are \$155+. Aloft has a snack bar, swimming pool and fitness center, but no restaurant or room service. Luckily, you will have plenty of dining options in Lexington. Within 4 blocks of our building, you'll find excellent Japanese, Italian, Indian, Chinese and American bistro food at a range of prices.

Element Hotel (<https://www.reservations.com/hotel/element-lexington>)

Co-located with the Aloft, the Element is another mid-range hotel with slightly higher room rates (\$165+) and a different set of amenities. At Element, you can get a room with a fully equipped mini-kitchen. Like Aloft, Element has a swimming pool, fitness center and snack bar, but it does not have a full service restaurant. It does, however, offer a free hot breakfast. Both hotels share a stop on the Lexpress bus route.

Quality Inn, Lexington (<https://www.choicehotels.com/massachusetts/lexington/quality-inn>)

The Lexington Quality Inn is an excellent option for budget-minded travelers. Room rates here are <\$100. As you might expect, amenities are quite stripped down, although the hotel does offer a free breakfast and an outdoor pool. It's located about 2.5 miles from LexArt and is not at a Lexpress Stop. When staying here, it would be advisable to have your own vehicle.

Colonial Inn, Concord, MA (<https://www.concordcolonialinn.com>)

The Colonial Inn, located in nearby Concord, MA, is a history buff's dream. Situated on Concord's town common, known as Monument Square, the Inn's original structure was built in 1775. One of its buildings was used as a storehouse for arms and provisions during the Revolutionary War. When the British came to seize and destroy the supplies, the Minutemen met them at the North Bridge on April 19th for what became the first battle of the American Revolution. In the 1830's, Henry David Thoreau resided there when he attended Harvard. While parts of the hotel and its 2 restaurants have been modernized, from the moment you cross the threshold you will know that you are in a historic New England structure. It is more charming than luxurious. You can expect room rates to run about \$210. Concord Center is 7 miles from LexArt, so having a vehicle is a must.

Air BNB's

Like almost everywhere else on the planet, Lexington has its share of Air BNB's. Prices for a room or a whole apartment range from \$95 to \$200, depending on the location and size of the property. We are not in a position to evaluate or recommend one over another. Our only advice is that if you are not planning to rent a vehicle, please check the distance between the Air BNB and LexArt, which is located at 130 Waltham St. in Lexington Center. Lexington is quite spread out and not everything is within walking distance.