

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE OF BEIRUT (ESAR)

HISTORY

The School of Architecture of Beirut (ESAR) was established in 2019 within the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture of the Saint Joseph University of Beirut at the Sciences and Technology Campus (CST). It is worth noting that the Bachelor of Engineering in Architecture was offered at the Faculty of Engineering (ESIB) from 1945 to 1992.

MISSION

ESAR adopts a global approach to a transdisciplinary profession that combines intervention in physical space with a critical approach to shaping the world. This program brings architecture back to its professional vocation at the service of the city, the territory, and the users, emphasizing the socio-political, environmental, and economic contexts. Its mission is to equip students with the skills to anticipate and adapt to the evolving nature of the profession and to address the key challenges of the 21st century, namely the growing impact of construction on the natural environment. The program also focuses on understanding and integrating cultural, symbolic, functional, and political dimensions into students' strategies, designs, and professional practices.

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DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED

The architecture program is designed to train architects through an education that is both hands-on and innovative, centered on architectural studios and teamwork in a multilingual and multicultural framework. It emphasizes the acquisition of knowledge and skills through research, new technologies, sustainable development, interdisciplinarity, and practical experience in construction. Students earn a Bachelor of Engineering in Architecture, equivalent to a Master, which extends over five years and consists of 300 ECTS credits.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The architecture program prepares graduates for careers in architecture and project management. The transdisciplinary nature of architecture intersects with multiple fields of human activity; opening doors to other professions in the building and construction field:

- Project management and design offices
- Real estate expertise
- Project management and property management
- Construction companies
- Interior architecture and decoration
- Scenography and museography
- Furniture and industrial design
- Animation and 3D graphics

TUITION FEES

161 USD + 3,867,000 LBP/ECTS credit

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF STUDY

Article 50: Course validation

For architecture studio courses, a minimum average of 12/20 is required. However, a grade of at least 10/20 is acceptable should the annual average of two studio courses is 11.5/20 or higher.

Article 51: Degree requirements

To obtain the Bachelor of Engineering in Architecture, students must validate all the courses and:

- meet the language proficiency requirements in both Arabic and English (Article 6 - paragraphs c and d)
- validate the 300 credits of the architecture program
- obtain a cumulative average of at least 12/20 for the entire program and a minimum of 12/20 on the End of Studies Project (PFE)

Article 54: Probation

An architecture student is placed under probation if:

- at the end of the first year, their cumulative average is below 11.5/20
 - from the first semester of the second year onwards, their cumulative average is less than 12/20
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