

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

# LAAB Accreditation Information

Public Information Policy: The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) requires accredited programs to provide reliable information to the public on its accredited status and its performance. This information is intended to help potential students make informed application decisions.

# **Program mission**

To graduate lifelong learners and critical thinkers who adopt a holistic view of the landscape, and who are equipped with interdisciplinary, scientific, and creative skills to start as entry-level landscape architects and to become, with experience, successful professionals serving their communities.

# Academic Goals

The program has set six goals that support its mission and allow the achievement of the program's short long-term targets.

- a. To provide up-to-date landscape architectural skills and knowledge, emphasizing issues and constraints in the Middle East region.
- b. To maintain an academically active and highly qualified group of faculty who are leaders in their field and who possess a strong sense of engagement.
- c. To encourage out of the box thinking while emphasizing up-to-date tools and technology employed by the profession.
- d. To offer a dimension of sustainability through experiential and service learning in order to educate future landscape architecture professionals who adopt a holistic view of landscape.
- e. To emphasize inter-disciplinarity highlighting the relationship between landscape architecture and other disciplines.
- f. To impart a sense of cultural sensitivity and professional and environmental ethics to students

# **Educational Experience**

AUB Undergraduate Catalogue 2024-2025 (most recent; p. 48-61) https://www.aub.edu.lb/Registrar/catalogue/Documents/UG-MSFEA-2024-2025.pdf

# Accreditation status

Beirut

The Bachelor of Landscape Architecture at AUB was granted initial accreditation by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) for a period of six years effective September 3, 2021.



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# Student retention, graduation rates and degrees awarded

	AY 2021-2022	AY 2022-2023	AY 2023-2024
Student retention	100%	57%	83%
Graduation rates (6 years graduation rate)	88%	83%	92%
Number of degrees awarded	17	9	4
Percentage of students with timely graduation (4 years)	92%	88%	67%

### **Tuition and Fees**

- AUB Tuition calculator https://www.aub.edu.lb/admissions/Pages/TC/index.html
- Statement of fees are available on the AUB website: https://aub.edu.lb/comptroller/Pages/student.aspx
- Fees, Expenses, Tuition, and withdrawal information can be found in the catalogue: https://www.aub.edu.lb/Registrar/catalogue/Documents/UG-Fees-Expenses-Tuition-and-Withdrawal-Information-2024-2025.pdf

# Estimated housing costs per year

AUB has on and off campus housing facilities with information posted at the Office of the comptroller and student housing pages: https://www.aub.edu.lb/SAO/housing/Pages/Housingrates.aspx

# Average costs of books and materials per year

\$2000/Year as estimated on AUB's cost of attendance page: <u>https://www.aub.edu.lb/faid/Pages/cost-of-</u> Attendance.aspx

# Financial aid and scholarship opportunities

AUB has a strong financial aid program to assist its many able and qualified students who could not otherwise meet the cost of tuition. We believe that financial considerations should not become barriers to quality education for students who meet our academic criteria. Around 80 percent of students who apply for financial aid at AUB receive such assistance. Tuition Fees at AUB are assessed per-credit based on a maximum of 15 credit hours per semester. Students enrolling for more than 15 credit hours may do so at no additional charge. AUB has developed several types of financial aid programs to cater to the needs of a broad range of undergraduate and graduate students. For more information on financial aid and scholarship opportunities, please visit: https://www.aub.edu.lb/faid/Pages/default.aspx



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### Student achievements

Student work showcase: https://www.aub.edu.lb/fafs/ldem/Pages/Work-In-Progress.aspx Student awards: https://www.aub.edu.lb/fafs/ldem/Pages/International-Awards.aspx Nehme Moujaes Award: https://www.aub.edu.lb/fafs/ldem/Pages/Featured-Work.aspx Alumni stories: https://www.aub.edu.lb/fafs/ldem/Pages/Alumni-Stories.aspx Program and Faculty News: https://www.aub.edu.lb/fafs/Pages/DeansUpdates.aspx

### Social media

Landscape Architecture at AUB-Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/LandscapeArchitectureAUB/ Landscape Architecture at AUB-Instagram page https://www.instagram.com/landscapearchaub/ Landscape Architecture at AUB-LinkedIn Page https://www.linkedin.com/in/department-of-landscape-design and ecosystem-management-americanuniversity-of-beirut-68509ba6/ Landscape Architecture at AUB-YouTube Page https://www.youtube.com/@landscapearchitectureataub1725/ Landscape Architecture Student Society Student led Instagram page highlighting activities and initiatives https://www.instagram.com/landscapearchi aub/ Student led Facebook page highlighting activities and initiatives https://www.facebook.com/Landscape-Architecture-Society-AUB-735346656546862/



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