

# SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE OF BEIRUT (ESAR)

## HISTORY

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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 Science and Technology Campus (CST). It is worth noting that the Bachelor of Engineering in Architecture was offered at the School of Engineering of Beirut (ESIB) from 1945 to 1992.

## MISSION

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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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## ADMINISTRATION

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**Dean:** Wassim RAPHAEL

**Director:** Richard MITRI

**Deputy Director for Administrative Affairs:** Farah HOMSI

**Deputy Director for Academic Affairs:** Cynthia BOU AOUN

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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**Administrative Assistant:** Rana (EL) KHOURY

**Laboratory Assistant:** Elias BOU ROUPHAEL

## FACULTY

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### Professor

Fadi GEARA

### Associate Professors

Richard MITRI, Joseph RUSTOM

### Assistant Professors

Cynthia BOU AOUN, Nisrine (EL) MEZHER, Joanna NSEIR, Rim DBAISSY

### Instructors

Kamel ABBOD, Fares ABI CHACHRA, Maria ABI KHALIL, Claudine ABDEL MASSIH, Guy ASSILI, Fouad AWAD, Michel BARMAKI, Carine BECHARA, Dimitri BEKHAZI, Hassane BOU MELHEM, Vera BOURGY, Gilles CHAHWAN, Rev. Sr. Dima CHÉBIB, Saïd CHÉHAB, Issam (EL) CHEMALY, Nadim CHOUEIRY, Pamela CHRABIEH, Roula DAHER TAOUTEL, Elsie (EL) DEEK, Jacqueline FARAH, Tiffany GEARA, Pierre GHANEM, Nadine GHOLAM, Bassam (EL) HABER, Maria HABIB, Celine HADDAD, Charles HAJJ, Josiane HINDI, Sandra JOSEPH, Rita KARAM, Rima KHAIRALLAH, Ange KHALIL, Jad (EL) KHOURY, Perla (EL) KHOURY, Ziad KHOURY, Louna MAALOUF, Georges MOHASSEB, Mohamad Jawad MOUSSA, Rami (EL) MURR, Shoghag OHANNESSIAN, Dina RIZK, Alousia SALIBA, Fadi SALIBA, Fadi SEROPIAN, Chadi SFEIR, Gregory TAOUSSON, Jean-Marie TAOUTEL, Marie-Bernadette TAOUTEL SFEIR, Youssef TOHMÉ, Joy TRABOULSI, Ghada WAKED, Christian ZAHER, Élise ZGHEIB.

### Faculty members of another USJ institution

Nancy ALAM, Nadine ABBAS, Toni KAHWAJI

## DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED

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Bachelor of Engineering in Architecture, equivalent to a Master, which extends over five years and consists of 342 ECTS credits.



## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

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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**

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Bachelor of Engineering in Architecture: 188 Fresh US Dollars and 7,209,000 Lebanese Pounds (for semester 1), equivalent in Fresh US Dollars to 268 (exchange rate = 89,500 LBP)

## **SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF STUDY**

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### **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 be 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 342 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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