

Program Cost of Attendance Disclosure

Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch)

169 Credits

Academic Year: 2025–2026

1. Program Overview

The Bachelor of Architecture at LAU is a five-year professional degree requiring the completion of **169 credit hours**, which can normally be completed in five years.

2. Tuition and Financial Support

Tuition is billed in US Dollars. LAU provides a comprehensive financial support system to ensure program accessibility. Over 60% of students receive some form of financial assistance.

A. Tuition Rates

Fee Type	Amount (USD)	Notes
Full-time Tuition (per semester)	\$11,300	10 semesters required
Per Credit Rate (Summer/Extra)	\$942	Required for summer internships/core
Total 5-Year Sticker Price	\$130,898	Based on 169-credit progression

B. Financial Aid Options

The following are LAU resources for financial aid packages, including Merit Scholarships, Entrance Scholarships, and Need-Based grants:

- Merit & Entrance Scholarships:** Awarded to students with high academic standing and exceptional entrance credentials.
- Need-Based Financial Aid:** Specific grants are available for students demonstrating financial hardship. Detailed eligibility and application forms are available at the [Need-Based Financial Aid](#) portal.
- Athletic & Talent Scholarships:** Available for students with specific extracurricular achievements.

For a full list of aid options and application deadlines, please visit the [LAU Financial Aid & Scholarships](#) page.

C. Student Employment Program (SEP)

- Architecture Specific Roles:** Students enrolled in SEP are assigned to serve as lab monitors for fabrication facilities (3D printing, laser cutting, and woodworking), library assistants in the SARD resource center, or departmental research aids.

2. **Benefits:** Hourly wages help cover personal expenses and material costs.
3. **Application:** [LAU Student Employment](#) portal.

3. Living and Housing Scenarios

Costs are categorized by residency status to reflect our diverse student demographic. **Important: those are estimated market prices for the current year. Housing options are not under LAU Control.**

Option A: Residential Student (Shared Off-Campus)

Assumes a shared furnished apartment in Blat (Byblos) or Hamra (Beirut) with all-inclusive contracts (inclusive of generator, water, and internet).

1. **Monthly Estimate:** \$850 (Rent, Utilities, Food, Personal Care).
2. **5-Year Total:** \$51,000.

Option B: Commuter Student (Living at Parental Home)

Assumes the student resides at home. Rent and utility costs are eliminated; commuting expenses (fuel or shuttle fees) are included.

1. **Monthly Estimate:** \$500 (Food, Personal Care, Daily Commuting).
2. **5-Year Total:** \$30,000.

4. Technical and Material Requirements

A. Computing and Software Resources

1. **Personal High-Performance Laptop:** Averaged at **\$1,625** for a professional mid-tier machine. This is a recommended investment for flexibility in the studio.
2. **University Computer Labs:** Free, state-of-the-art labs on both campuses are preloaded with professional software (Rhino, Revit, AutoCAD, Adobe CC, rendering engines).
3. **Institutional Cost Offset (Printing):** Architecture students receive a generous **printing quota**. This institutional subsidy covers the high-quality output requirements for core design studios, representing an estimated **\$1,500 value offset** over a five-year period.
4. **Personal Software Subscriptions:** Estimated at **\$1,800** over five years for students choosing to license software on personal devices.

B. Out-of-Pocket Architectural Consumables

Consumables: Physical model materials (wood, acrylic, foam) and specialized modeling tools: **\$6,000**.

5. Consolidated 5-Year Total Cost Scenarios

These totals represent the estimated **out-of-pocket** investment required for the B. Arch degree.

Student Profile	Tuition Status	Estimated Grand Total
Residential (Off-Campus)	Full Tuition	\$191,323

Commuter (Living at Home)	Full Tuition	\$170,323
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6. Disclaimer and Variable Costs

The costs presented on this page are estimates only and are based on market rates for 2025-2026 and university fees for the 2025–2026 academic year. Actual expenses may vary based on inflation, exchange rate fluctuations, individual lifestyle choices, and changes in university policy. Final tuition costs are dependent on individual financial aid awards as determined by the Financial Aid Office.