

## Special Report

### *2020 Conditions for Accreditation / 2020 Procedures for Accreditation*

A Special Report will be required when a program has been found to have area(s) of noncompliance in the Annual Report.

#### **Special Report Submission.**

Programs submitting a Special Report will provide a narrative and supporting materials to address the area(s) of noncompliance identified in the Annual Report.

**Special Report Review Process.** The Accreditation Review Committee (ARC) will review Special Reports and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will determine if the Special Report satisfactorily addresses the area(s) of non-compliance and make one of the following decisions:

- Accept the Special Report as demonstrating that the program has satisfactorily addressed the area(s) of noncompliance identified in the Annual Report.
- Reject the Special Report and require the program to submit a Plan to Correct addressing any continuing areas of noncompliance (see [Plan to Correct procedure](#)).

#### **Submission Requirements:**

Special Reports must be submitted:

- As one bookmarked PDF document, with supporting materials
- Via email to [accreditation@naab.org](mailto:accreditation@naab.org) with subject "Institution Name Special Report"
- Submitted no later than **June 30, 2025**.

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## **ANNUAL REPORT YEAR: 2024**

**Institution:** Catholic University of America

**Program Name:** Master of Architecture

### **Area(s) of Non-compliance Identified in Annual Report**

#### **Condition 6.1 Statement on NAAB-Accredited Degrees**

The program must use the exact language found in the NAAB Conditions for accreditation, 2020 edition, appendix 2, including that the program "must publish the year of the next accreditation visit for each accredited program."

#### **Condition 6.6 Student Financial Information**

The program must demonstrate that students have access to an initial estimate for all tuition, fees, books, general supplies, and specialized materials that may be required during the full course of study for completing the NAAB-accredited degree program. The link provided only contains general financial aid information that is not specific to the NAAB-accredited degree program.

**Program Response**

*Instructions: Programs should provide a narrative with supporting documentation addressing each area of non-compliance identified in the Annual Report.*

**Narrative:****Condition 6.1**

The date for the next accreditation visit has been published to the following website:

<https://architecture.catholic.edu/about-us/accreditation/index.html>

**Condition 6.6**

Information regarding tuition, fees, and general supplies is located at the following website:

<https://architecture.catholic.edu/admission/parents-faq/index.html>

Other tuition and fee information (set and managed by the University) is at the following website:

<https://financial-aid.catholic.edu/costs/undergraduate-costs.html>

**Supporting Documentation:**

*Instructions: Provide information as appendices and/or links to supporting documents, combining documents with the program response as one bookmarked PDF document.*



About Us › Accreditation

Catholic University's professional program in architecture is fully accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture.

In the United States, most registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit professional degree programs in architecture offered by institutions with U.S. regional accreditation, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted an eight-year term, an eight-year term with conditions, or a two-year term of continuing accreditation, or a three-year term of initial accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established education standards.

Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may require a non-accredited undergraduate degree in architecture for admission. However, the non-accredited degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

The Catholic University of America, School of Architecture and Planning offers the following NAAB-accredited degree programs:

- Master of Architecture, Two Year, Professional degree, 60 graduate credits
- Master of Architecture, Three Year, Professional degree, 111 graduate credits

The next accreditation visit for both programs is Spring 2031.

### Disclosure on Professional Licensure

## NAAB Conditions and Procedures

- 2020 Conditions for Accreditation: Revised September 2024
- 2020 Procedures for Accreditation: Revised October 2022
- 2020 Conditions for Accreditation
- 2015 Procedures for Accreditation
- 2014 Conditions for Accreditation

## Architecture Program Reports, Annual Reports, and Visiting Team Reports

- 2024 Plan to Correct (November)
- 2024 NAAB Most Recent Decision Letter
- 2024 Visiting Team Response
- 2023 NAAB Letter of Accreditation
- 2023 Visiting Team Report & Visiting Team Response
- 2022 Architecture Program Report
- 2015 NAAB Letter of Accreditation
- 2014 Architecture Program Report

- [2014 Visiting Team Report](#)
- [2017 Interim Progress Report](#)
- [2017 Interim Progress Report Response](#)
- [2020 Interim Progress Report](#)
- [2021 Interim Progress Report NAAB response](#)

## Licensure and Exams

- [NCARB Architectural Experience Program Guidelines](#)
- [NCARB IDP Guidelines](#)
- [ARE Pass Rates](#)
- [ARE Guidelines](#)
- [ARE Handbook](#)

Admission > Parents FAQ

# Parents FAQ

Here is a list of commonly asked questions from parents of prospective students. For any other additional questions, please contact us [here](#) or at [cua-architecture@cua.edu](mailto:cua-architecture@cua.edu).

**What is the internship process like for current students?** +

**What are job placement prospects for graduates of the Architecture School?** +

**Can you tell me about the faculty and their experience?** +

**How much does it cost to attend the School of Architecture & Planning? -**

**University Costs:** The cost of attending the Catholic University of America (CUA) varies widely depending on lifestyle and individual choice. However, we want to give you a snapshot of a typical architecture student's costs!

According to the Office of Student Financial Assistance, undergraduate students living on campus can expect to pay roughly \$83,882\* per year, while graduate students living on campus can expect to pay \$79,290\* per year. This is without scholarships, financial aid, or assistance.

**Additional Architecture Costs:**

There are a few estimated additional costs for students in the Architecture program:

- Laptop: \$1,000 - \$3,000 (one-time purchase)
- Software:
  - AutoDesk: Free Student Version
  - Rhinoceros: \$200 (one-time purchase)
  - SketchUp: Free Basic Version / \$55 Studio for Students (One-Year Subscription)
  - AdobeCloud: \$20/month (\$240/year)

- Analog Supplies: \$200 (one-time purchase)
- Portable Drawing Board (24" x 36" or larger): \$150 (one-time purchase)
- Storage Trunk (with lock): \$40 (one-time purchase)
- Printing: \$3.50 to \$6.50 for large format boards, \$0.10 to \$0.39 per 8.5 x 11" sheets
- Models' Materials: \$100/semester (\$200 per year)
- 3D Printing: PLA filaments cost \$90 - \$200 per model
- MetroCard for Travel: \$30/Semester

\* Tuition, living, and other costs are subject to change year to year and only represent an estimate of cost without scholarships or financial aid.

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[Learn More about our school's technology resources.](#) →

**Is the School of Architecture accredited?**

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Costs > Undergraduate Costs

# Undergraduate Costs

## Classes starting in August 2025 and January 2026

Cost of Attendance is a financial aid term used to determine financial need. There are costs outside direct billable expenses that families may incur that are included in the cost of attendance. The final estimated cost of attendance for new students is available below and in your financial aid brochure. Continuing students should refer to their offer letter for the latest Cost of Attendance.

**The 2025-2026 financial aid planner is now available.**

Your student status and enrollment level will determine your final costs. Budgets are provided for student planning purposes only; individual student bills will vary.

## Undergraduate Students - 2025-2026 Estimated Cost of Attendance

Resident Living On-Campus or Off-Campus (Dependent)

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Full-Time Cost of Attendance <sup>1</sup>	
Tuition <sup>2,3</sup> (Base Allowance)	\$58,920
Fee Allowance <sup>3</sup>	\$1,496
Housing Allowance <sup>3,4</sup>	\$11,924
Food Allowance <sup>3,4</sup>	\$8,450
Books, Supplies, Licensure Allowance <sup>4</sup>	\$1,248
Transportation Allowance <sup>4</sup>	\$1,036
Personal Allowance <sup>4</sup>	\$2,556



Estimated Loan Fees (if pursuing loans) <sup>4</sup>	\$1,342
<b>Total Cost<sup>*</sup></b>	<b>\$86,972<sup>*</sup></b>

## Commuter Living with Parent(s) at Home (Dependent)

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Full-Time Cost of Attendance <sup>1</sup>	
Tuition <sup>2,3</sup> (Base Allowance)	\$58,920
Fee Allowance <sup>3</sup>	\$1,496
Housing Allowance <sup>3,4</sup>	\$4,226
Food Allowance <sup>3,4</sup>	\$8,450
Books, Supplies, Licensure Allowance <sup>4</sup>	\$1,248
Transportation Allowance <sup>4</sup>	\$1,036
Personal Allowance <sup>4</sup>	\$2,556
Estimated Loan Fees (if pursuing loans) <sup>4</sup>	\$1,342
<b>Total Cost<sup>*</sup></b>	<b>\$79,274<sup>*</sup></b>

## Living On-Campus or Off-Campus (Independent)

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Full-Time Cost of Attendance <sup>1</sup>	
Tuition <sup>2,3</sup> (Base Allowance)	\$58,920
Fee Allowance <sup>3</sup>	\$1,496
Housing Allowance <sup>3,4</sup>	\$11,924

<b>Food Allowance<sup>3,4</sup></b>	<b>\$8,450</b>
Books, Supplies, Licensure Allowance <sup>4</sup>	\$1,248
Transportation Allowance <sup>4</sup>	\$1,036
Personal Allowance <sup>4</sup>	\$2,556
Estimated Loan Fees (if pursuing loans) <sup>4</sup>	\$94
<b>Total Cost<sup>*</sup></b>	<b>\$85,724<sup>*</sup></b>

## Active Duty Military

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Full-Time Cost of Attendance <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Tuition<sup>2,3</sup> (Base Allowance)</b>	<b>\$58,920</b>
<b>Fee Allowance<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$1,496</b>
<b>Housing Allowance<sup>3,4</sup></b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Food Allowance<sup>3,4</sup></b>	<b>\$8,450</b>
Books, Supplies, Licensure Allowance <sup>4</sup>	\$1,248
Transportation Allowance <sup>4</sup>	\$1,036
Personal Allowance <sup>4</sup>	\$2,556
Estimated Loan Fees (if pursuing loans) <sup>4</sup>	\$94
<b>Total Cost<sup>*</sup></b>	<b>\$73,800<sup>*</sup></b>

## The Catholic University at Tucson

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<sup>1</sup> Budgets are provided for student planning purposes only; individual student bills will vary.

<sup>2</sup> Tuition for engineering and architecture students is slightly higher at **\$59,650**.

<sup>3</sup> **Direct Costs** are charges that are billed directly to the student by the university. Students living on-campus will pay housing and food charges to the university.

<sup>4</sup> Indirect Costs are expenses that are not directly billed to the student by the university. Off-campus students will not have housing and food charges billed by the university unless choosing an optional plan.

\* Figures **do not** include the cost of **MANDATORY** Student Health Insurance, which you may be required to purchase if you are not already covered by your own (or your parents') health plan. Updates to your Student Financial Aid budget are available upon request. Once determined, the 2025-2026 insurance costs will be automatically reflected on your student bill via Cardinal Pay/Enrollment Services.

Visit <https://catholic.edu/studentinsurance> to learn more about student insurance and waiving this requirement.

**Important:** For specific housing charges by hall and specific academic program tuition and fees, please visit the **COMPLETE TUITION & FEE SCHEDULE** with Enrollment Services.