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SUMMARY

Architect & Urban Planner in Progress with five years of experience in architectural design, urban planning, and research. Completing a master's in regional planning at Damascus University. Experienced in Architecture design, shop drawing, and international research. Advocating for identity-driven architecture and community engagement. I am keen on self-development through academic and scientific research and have co-wrote several essays on urban planning and heritage conservation. I believe that architects are to the community what stem cells are to the body, undifferentiated yet adaptable, capable of transforming in the most creative and efficient ways to meet specialized needs.

EXPERIENCE

Shop drawing Architect

RBF Consulting and Construction Company | Damascus, Syria

Dec 2023 – Nov 2024

- Translated architectural designs into detailed shop drawings, ensuring clarity for construction teams.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to resolve design issues and ensure seamless integration of design into construction.
- Providing in-depth analysis and possible solutions for designs

Urban planner & Shop drawing Architect

General Company for Engineering and Consulting Studies | Homs, Syria

Oct 2019 – Jan 2022

- Contributed to architectural and urban planning projects including residential, commercial, and public sector buildings and sites.
- Ensured the adherence to building codes and regulations during the planning and construction phases.

Private Architecture & urban planning Tutor

Freelancer | Homs, Syria

Mar 2016 – Present

- Delivered private lessons in architecture and urban planning to university students, focusing on both theoretical knowledge and practical applications.
- Customized course materials and methodologies to enhance students' understanding of architectural principles and urban design strategies Teaching courses in graphic design programs (AutoCAD, 3Ds Max, Photoshop)
- Designing graduate projects for architect students

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Co-write a report to a Global Course in Urban Heritage Conservation

Collaborating with international students and universities | Damascus, Syria

Jun 2024

Co-write a Research paper about complex disaster in Syria

Published in Northern (Arctic) Federal University | Arkhangelsk, Russia

May 2023

EDUCATION

Master's degree in Regional Planning

High institute of Regional Planning - Damascus University | Damascus, Syria

Dec 2025

- Currently completing academic thesis on regional logistics planning.
- Focus on urban planning, sustainable development, and spatial strategies for regional development corridors.

Bachelor's degree in Architecture

Homs University (Homs University previously) | Homs, Syria

Mar 2018

VOLUNTARY WORK

Disaster Management Team Member

Syrian Arab Red Crescent | Homs, Syria Sep 2015 – Sep 2017

- Worked with the disaster management and engineering team to survey and evaluate the structural integrity of damaged residential buildings in Homs.

Arabic Translator

Daily Art Magazine | Warsaw, Poland - Remote

Jan 2023 – Jan 2024

- Volunteered as a translator, Delivered accurate and engaging translations of articles to cater to an Arabic-speaking audience while maintaining the integrity and style of the original content.

COURSES & TRAINING

Global Course in Urban Heritage Conservation (certified)

Damascus University | Damascus, Syria

Jun 2024

- Actively participated in a global course focused on urban heritage conservation and contributed to ongoing discussions on preserving Syrian architectural identity. Gained experience in international collaboration and advanced research in urban heritage.

Solutions Journalism Workshop

United Nations Development Program UNDP | Damascus, Syria

Nov 2023

- Gained skills in reporting on social issues with a solutions-oriented approach, focusing on evidence-based, impactful storytelling to drive positive change.

ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITIONS

Designing public squares: Yafour entrance square- Sabboura entrance square)

Damascus University | Damascus, Syria

Mar 2021

Organized by Damascus University and Higher Institute of Regional Planning

Designing the institute of regional planning backyard

Damascus University | Damascus, Syria

Dec 2022

Sanad Team for Development and Higher Institute of Regional Planning

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND ACHIEVMENTS

Participating in "Participatory Community Recovery Plans"

UNDP and the Governorate and City Council of Homs | Homs, Syria

Feb 2024

- To develop and implement creative community-led economic, basic services, institutional responsiveness, and community organization recovery initiatives

Member of the “Architecture Uprising” international movement and Founder of the Syrian branch of the movement

Dec 2023

- Currently organizing awareness on Syrian architectural and urban challenges via a Facebook group.

National Winner – Syrian Superior Schools Competition

Jul 2010

Participate in the 30th International Arab Children's Congress, Amman, Jordan

LANGUAGES

Arabic: Mother tongue

English: Advanced (experience working with English-speaking teams)

HARD SKILLS

- AutoCAD (Advanced)
- 3Ds Max (Advanced)
- Photoshop (Advanced)
- Microsoft Office programs (Intermediate)
- Revit (Intermediate)
- GIS Mapping tools (Beginner)

JOB-RELATED SKILLS

- Architectural Design & Drafting
- Urban Planning & Design
- Research & Analysis in Architecture
- Excellent ability to work independently as well as within teams
- Creativity and innovation
- Excellent ability to communicate ideas and complex concepts

REFERENCES

Available Upon request