DIANA HAJALI

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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government & Public Service, College Station, TX
Master of International Affairs   **GPR: 4.0**   May 2020
Concentrations: Intelligence and European Studies

Bachelor of Arts, International Studies – Politics & Diplomacy   **GPR: 4.0**   May 2018
 Minor in French

Graduate Capstone Project – Terrorists' Use of Cryptocurrency
Client: National Security Agency (NSA)   Nov. 2019 – April 2020
- Gathered open source information about cryptocurrency and its use by terrorist/extremist groups and determined exploitation methods and mitigations for law enforcement
- Utilized Structured Analytic Techniques to write intelligence analysis products outlining terrorists' use of cryptocurrency in the short and long-term futures as part of an 8-member group
- Created visuals and maps highlighting collected statistical data, and compiled analytic products into a formal report to be presented as a briefing to the client

STUDY ABROAD

Grenoble, France
Study Abroad at the University of Grenoble-Alpes   May – Aug. 2017
- Elevated from a B 2.0 level to a B 2.8 level in one month, equivalent to moving up four intensive French language classes
- Adapted easily to foreign life, led group excursions, and organized logistics for groups of up to five people

La Carpio, Costa Rica
Service Project   March 11-17, 2016
- Painted frayed homes belonging to impoverished peoples and donated to the community through the Costa Rican Humanitarian Foundation in La Carpio

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Arabic – Advanced speaking, moderate reading; Oral Proficiency Interview score of 'Advanced Mid'
French – Advanced speaking, reading and understanding
Spanish – Minimal speaking and comprehension

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Bush School of Government & Public Service, College Station, TX
Graduate Assistant Researcher, part-time   Sept. 2019 – Present
- Collect and analyze various sources of economic and military data to assist a professor in research projects focused on foreign direct investment and military contracts from the U.S. to the Middle East
- Conduct open source research in Arabic, French, and English to gather and evaluate data on political developments in the Middle East
- Create and update Excel spreadsheets and visual graphs reflecting data and survey results, which are used in the publication of academic journal articles

United States Citizenship & Immigration Services, Houston, TX
Student Trainee, GS-07, full-time   May – Aug. 2019
- Selected out of 3 interns to deliver an introductory speech at a naturalization ceremony with over 6,000 people
- Developed knowledge of immigration law through extensive trainings, workshops, and on-the-job experiences
- Learned how to conduct naturalization interviews, how to apply interpersonal skills to determine family status and employment, and how to detect immigration fraud
- Assisted window information counters in issuing green cards, analyzing passports & travel documents, and answering questions about permanent residents' status
- Reduced triage wait-times by checking applicants in for their interviews and appointments error-free, as well as by answering questions and relaying accurate information to immigration service officers, often overcoming a language barrier through proper translation