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— education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Master of Science in Architecture Studies 2020 (GPA 5.0/5.0)

- + Thesis Reviving Cosmopolitan Beirut: A Case Study of Three Modernist Art Spaces
 - x Published in **D-Space** and **AKPIA MIT** Website
- + Research Project She is Beirut
 - x Presented in TU Delft Mediating the Spatiality of Conflict

Conference Proceedings

- + Research Project Transgressing Borders through Taboo
 - x Presented in an MArch seminar at TU Delft
 - x Upcoming book chapter publication

Lebanese American University

Bachelor of Architecture with Distinction 2017 (GPA: 3.63/4.0)

- x Featured on LAU News: Student Success Profile (Jan 2018)
- + Thesis Reinterpretation of the Grand Hotel Kassouf
 - x Published in Territories: Final Projects in Architecture
- + Project Exquisite Violence: A Museum in the Making

- work experience

MIT Future Heritage Lab

Researcher (Jun 2020 - present)
Research Assistant (Jun - Jul 2018)

+ Course development «Design in Scarcity» and «Culturally Sensitive Design» on the role of art and design in refugee camps

My2Tec: Privacy Through Technology

Researcher (Apr 2020 - Jun 2020)

+ Project on how AI and ML improve digital search for an upcoming start-up

MIT Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture

Research and Teaching Assistant (Sept 2017 - Feb 2020)

MVRDV

Assistant Designer & Researcher (Sept 2018 - Dec 2019)

- + Urban Planning Research for the European Nomadic Biennale
 - x Book: Manifesta 13 Marseille Urban Study Le Grand Puzzle
- + Master planning of a seafront resort development in Pattaya, Thailand

COUP Architects

Architect & Copywriter (Jun 2018 - Jan 2019)

- + Project Zayouna International School
- + Project J House

Hashim Sarkis Studios

Assistant Designer & Researcher (Oct 2017 - Nov 2017) Architecture Intern (Aug 2016)

+ Curatorial Project XXth Chilean Biennial: Byblos Blue

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Urban Designer/ Team Leader (Jun 2017 - Jul 2017)

+ Competition EUROPAN 14 Madrid Competition

RMarchitecture

Architecture Intern (May 2016 - Aug 2016)

— skills

Soft skills: Autodesk (Autocad/ Revit), Rhinoceros & V-Ray, ArcGIS, Adobe Suite (Photoshop/ Illustrator/ InDesign/ Premiere Pro), Microsoft Office, Dialux, Ecotect, Sketch Up, and Python (beginner)

Languages: Arabic (native), English (fluent), & French (operational)

Hobbies: Photography, piano, choir, and jewelry design

-workshops

MIT DesignX Bootcamp

+Research Proposal GeoSTREAM (Jun 2020)

Planning for Climate Action in Urban Heritage Contexts

United Nations World Urban Forum 10 - Abu Dhabi Organized by the Commonwealth Association of Planners and Planners for Climate Action (Feb 2020)

Solar Updraft Towers: Adaptive Reuse of industrial chimneys, atriums of highrise buildings, and public spaces (Student Leader)

MIT Special Interest Group in Urban Settlements, Dubai Road and Transport Authority, United Arab Emirates University, and the Brandenburg University of Technology (Jan 2020)

Map, Measure, Plan & Monitor: Creating Equity through Integrated Landscape Management & Urban Metabolism

MIT Environmental Solutions Initiative (Jan 2019 - May 2019)

+ Urban Planning Practicum Mocoa Model Resettlement Plan (Colombia)

Urban Metabolism Fieldwork

MIT Urban Metabolism Group (Mar 2019)

+ Urban Planning Survey Building Material Analysis (Morocco)

Community Innovators Lab Frameworks And Methods: Building the Next Economy

MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning (Jan 2019)

Immersive Urban Design Workshop: Introduction to the Theoretical Framework on Urban Space Representation in VR and Unity VR Software MIT Senseable City Lab (Jan 2019)

-awards

Kaufmann Teaching Certificate Program

MIT Teaching and Learning Lab (Acquired Jun 2019) x Teaching Philosophy Statement

Certified Architect and Member

Order of Engineers and Architects (Apr 2018 - present)

MIT Scitech Ideathon Winning Team

Reconstruction of Cities in Crisis: Future Cities of MENA (Apr 2019)

MIT Scholarship & Stipend Award (Sep 2017 - Feb 2020) Avalon Conference Travel Grant (Oct 2019)

Aga Khan Travel Grant 2019 (Mar 2019)

MISTI Netherlands Travel Grant (May 2018)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Winner and Workshop Participant

Walt Disney Imagineering and the American Institute for Architecture Students (May 2017)

-service

MIT Lebanon Challenge 2020 & Accelerator

Marketing Team Lead and Organiser (May 2020 - present) x Published in **An-nahar English** (July 2020)

Co-MASK Initiative (Art, Culture, and Technology at MIT)

Arabic Language Translator (Mar 2020)

Lebanese Club at MIT

Outreach Officer (May 2019 - Feb 2020)

Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture

Internal Events Broadcast Producer (Sep 2017 - Feb 2020)

Order of Engineers and Architects "Girls Got IT" Workshop Mentor (Mar 2016 - May 2017)

American Institute of Architecture Studies at LAU

Founding Member and Secretary (Mar 2016 - May 2017)