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Professional Experience

- Since 4th Sep. 2022 Acting PCE department Head at the German-Jordanian University (Amman, Jordan).
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- Oct. 2010 – Mar. 2014 A PhD student at Institut für Organische Chemie, Universität Regensburg (Regensburg, Germany).
Thesis title: The α -Substitution of Chalcones as a Tool to Modulate the Reactivity and Biological Activity.
- Apr. 2010 – Sep. 2010 Intensive German language course in InterDaF (Leipzig, Germany) - (DSH-2).
- Feb. 2007 – Mar. 2010 Teaching and research assistant then lecturer at German-Jordanian University (Amman, Jordan).
- Oct. 2004 – Feb. 2007 A Master student in Organic Chemistry, Chemistry Department at the University of Jordan (Amman, Jordan), excellent rating (3.94 out of 4).
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Thesis Title: Cyclization to Substituted-2*H*-Indazoles: Study of the Reaction of 2-Nitro-*N*-substituted Benzylamines with Cyclic and Acyclic Amines.
- Involved in teaching Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry (I) and Organic Chemistry (II) laboratories at the department.
- Oct. 2000 – Jun. 2004 A Bachelor student in Chemistry, Chemistry Department at the University of Jordan (Amman, Jordan), excellent rating (3.83 out of 4). The (1st) out of (102) students in the Academic year 2003/2004.
Involved in teaching Inorganic Chemistry and Organic Chemistry (II) laboratories, Chemistry Department at the University of Jordan during my B. Sc. studies (2003-2004).

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Oct. 2010 – Mar. 2014 A PhD scholarship from DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst).

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