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German Jordanian University

GJU Graduates at Microsoft Jordan

Main features of the German Jordanian University (GJU) are the applied and practical-oriented education, close cooperation with industrial partners and its German dimension including a one-year study and internship term for all Bachelor students in Germany.

This is the story of 4 GJU graduates who are currently employed at Microsoft Jordan. They share with us their experience at GJU and in Germany and how they found their way into this global business.

Nour Al Bataineh (Industrial Engineer, B.Sc. 2016)

As part of my study program at the German Jordanian University, a 6 month internship in Germany is obligatory to attain our bachelor's degree, which is why I have had the opportunity to intern at Continental AG in the HR department. The main tasks assigned to me included contacting Continental HR global managers in order to gather information to prepare the monthly KPIs and quarterly reports regarding employees in each Continental branch, and at the end of each month, I had to present my findings to the team in a power point presentation.



During my internship, I had a different experience using Microsoft office where I was exposed to several Microsoft applications that were alien to me and that was quite the challenge; the interesting type of challenge that kept me eager to learn more about Microsoft and what it has to offer. Hence, post-graduation and completion of my bachelor's degree, I had set my mind to join the Microsoft team.

I was accepted and given the chance to work in Customer Support, which was something new and interesting to me until I had my interview with the Regional Manager; Mr. Hussein Malhas, who introduced me to the world of education. Working in the world of education equipped and is still equipping me with knowledge of several Microsoft applications with the opportunity to share this knowledge with others especially teachers, professors and students who can develop their teaching skills and enhance the world of education.

Leen Hijazi (Industrial Engineer, B.Sc. 2017)

I have always loved challenges, and that's why I decided to pursue a career with such a dynamic company as Microsoft. Being part of everyday technology has given me the chance to broaden my knowledge and grow my network on a larger scale.

I discovered my passion for technology when I was doing my internship with Continental as a GJU student. I got the chance to work with electrical motors and autonomous driving technologies that will be part of our world in the following 10 years. This assured me that I want my career path to be aligned with not only the present, but also the future.

Working in consulting services at Microsoft requires a lot of analytical thinking and project management skills. GJU not only offered courses that grows these skills, it also equipped us with the actual experience of living abroad, preparing high quality projects and being part of the community. I am proud to be a GJU graduate, always.

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Reem Foudeh (Industrial Engineer, B.Sc. 2017)

Starting my career in Microsoft as Cloud Identity Specialist Engineer wasn't a coincidence. As I have constantly learned from my journey at GJU to set goals, prepare, work hard and achieve. I was equipped with the correct experiences, skills and passion to get accepted as a MACH (Microsoft Academy for College Hires) hire after a fierce process. Microsoft has been one of the firsts to implement the concept of graduate programs in Jordan. Graduate programs empower fresh graduates and give them a huge push in the start of their career by providing many trainings, mentorship and networking platforms.



The magic of GJU lays in the practicality of the courses, internships required and the mindset that is evident in the teaching methods. Studying Industrial Engineering gave me a wide exposure to the different industries. Where I did several internships in different departments and industries such as; Procurement Management intern at Total, Risk Management Engineer at Aramex, Application Engineer for Diesel Engines at Rolls Royce. These experiences alongside going through the entrepreneurial path and turning a business plan on paper to a real life business project of Escape Rooms. This brought me to the realization of the importance of digital transformation of companies and how critical it is in such technological era to be up to date and connected by the cloud. My interest in Cloud technologies grow incredibly, specifically in Microsoft Cloud solution and that is Azure. To be part of the future I aspired to be in Microsoft. And now being a Cloud Identity Specialist Engineer where I get the chance to empower people and organizations on a daily basis to achieve more is a dream come true

Nader Awamleh (Mechatronics Engineer, B.Sc. 2013)

Three languages, 1 year with a German experience and a bachelor degree in Mechatronics engineering, are the ultimate icebreakers in an interview. Even without any business experience, my CV as a GJU graduate gave me an edge in several sectors in the Jordanian and global market. With these qualifications I was able to work in a field that I always had passion for, home automation, for 3 years. In home automation I extended my technical knowledge and had the opportunity to develop an Internet of Things department from scratch.



Then I decided that I need to add business development to my skillsets by working for an Iraqi company, delivering of more than %40 of Iraq's electricity, we acquired businesses in various sectors. As the technology sector was and still expanding, I grabbed the opportunity to work at Microsoft and ride the technology wave. In Microsoft, my learning curve boosted exponentially with the amount of information that I am gaining every day. In addition, I am sharing my knowledge and experience that I gained through my study and work years. To conclude with, GJU will always be the first milestone in my career path and one of my proudest achievements.

County Manager Hussein Malhas Microsoft Jordan PSC



A very dynamic leader, entrepreneurial business development and operational management strategist with +15 years record of achievement and demonstrated success in driving the growth of a multimillion-dollar business in a highly competitive Telecommunication market. With an Engineering background, profound expertise on Telecom Operators' businesses including GSM, Broadband and VOIP, Cloud computing, Channels and distribution processes, Mr. Malhas is focused and is tenacious in building new businesses, securing customer loyalty and forging strong relationships with external business stakeholders and internal employees. Mr. Malhas has taken all knowledge, expertise and major achievements gained over the years at Mobilecom (orange), Zain, and Umniah (Batelco) including parallel initiatives, and has poured them into his current position as Country Manager at Microsoft Jordan.

Previously, Mr. Malhas was the general manager of Abu Khader Automotive and director of Sales and Customer Care at Zain. Mr. Malhas holds a Bachelor's degree in Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, University of Toledo

About Microsoft Corporation

Founded in 1975, Microsoft (Nasdaq "MSFT") is the worldwide leader in software, services and Internet technologies for personal and business computing. The company offers a wide range of products and services designed to empower people through great software - any time, any place and on any device.

About Microsoft Jordan

As a result of a meeting between King Abdullah II and Bill Gates in Davos 2000 and the subsequent signature of a Government Enterprise Agreement, Microsoft became the first multinational IT company to setup an office in Jordan (2001) with two employees. In January 2017 – Marking a significant milestone for the Jordanian technology sector, Microsoft has established a global Customer Service and Support (CSS) Hub in the Kingdom, from which local engineers and ICT professionals serve corporate customers worldwide. Currently Microsoft Jordan has around 140 employees. Microsoft Jordan strives to foster close customer partnerships to help businesses adopt the latest technology to compete in both local and global markets. Together with its partners, and local software development companies Microsoft provides innovative software solutions.

Join the Team

Microsoft Jordan encourages GJU graduates with passion to apply for open positions at their company. Whether through direct entries or the special program "MACH", the Microsoft Academy for College Hires, a graduate recruitment and development program that provides long term talent development for top new university graduates in their business. Stay tuned and check upcoming openings on Microsoft's career page.

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