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Education

Columbia University

MASTERS OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS

New York, USA

August 2018 - Present

American University of Sharjah

BACHELORS OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS

Sharjah, UAE

Feb 2013 - Dec 2017

- CGPA: 3.81/4.0
- Courses: Advanced Econometrics - Senior Seminar - International Monetary Economics - Money and Banking - Real Estate Economics - Industrial Organization - Health Economics - Calculus II - Urban and Regional Economics - Development Economics - Behavioral Economics - Managerial Economics

American University of Sharjah

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN FINANCE

Sharjah, UAE

Summer 2015 - May 2018

- CGPA: 3.81/4.0
- Courses: Financial Statement Analysis - Banking - Asset Valuation - Investments - Financial Forecasting - Corporate Finance - International Finance - Business Policy and Strategy

CFA Institute

CFA LEVEL 1 EXAM

Global

December 2017

- 90-99th Percentile Overall
- 90-99th Percentile on all Subtopics, 80-89th Percentile on Fixed Income Subtopic

Skills and Certifications

Languages

Native Proficiency in Arabic and English - Basic HTML and Javascript

Data and Mathematics

Mathworks: Matlab - Maplesoft: Maple - QMS: Eviews - Statcorp: Stata - Gretl - Basic TROLL (Certified)

Financial Software

Bloomberg: Terminal (Certified BESS, BMC) - S&P: Capital IQ - Thomson Reuters: Eikon 4 (Certified)

Video and Audio

Adobe: Audition CS, Audition CC, Premiere Pro - Sony: Vegas - Apple: Final Cut Pro, iMovie

Microsoft Office

Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook

Certification

IELTS (8.5/9) - Bloomberg MC - BESS - Thomson Reuters Eikon 4 - TROLL - GRE (94,88,99 Percentile)

Experience

FINANCIAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

BANK AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION AUDIT TRAINEE

Dubai, UAE

May 2017 - August 2017

- Bank and Financial Institution Audit Trainee at the Financial Audit Department of H.H. The Ruler's Court of Dubai.

AM RESEARCH SOLUTIONS

FOUNDER & HEAD RESEARCHER

Dubai, UAE

Sept 2015 - Dec 2017

- Founder and Head Researcher of AM Research Solutions. We offer our clients tutoring expertise for their topics of interest. primarily tutored financial and economic topics, among a range of other topics.

KMZ PRODUCTIONS

FOUNDER, AUDIO/VIDEO PRODUCER, WEBSITE DEVELOPER

Dubai, UAE

Sept 2012 - Dec 2017

- Founder, Music Audio Engineer, Video Producer, Website Designer, Social Media Manager, and Public Representative of KMZ Productions, an Audio/Video Music Production company located in Dubai. Headed a small team of audio/video producers and designers and managed our clients' project requests and managed the social media marketing aspects.

Academic and Professional Projects

On the Impact of Oil Prices on Real Exchange Rates in Oil-Exporting Countries Globally recognized paper, garnering the titles of Highly Commended as well as Regional Winner (Middle East and Africa) from the Undergraduate Awards (currently under review in the OPEC Energy Review). Used panel data econometric analysis to identify the impact of oil price changes on the real exchange rate of dispersed oil-exporting countries. Controlling for other factors, it was identified that the more dependent a country is on oil exports,

the higher the degree of positively correlated change to their real exchange rate.

Business Feasibility of Home Snagging and Surveying Services for KNOX Technical Services Constructed the marketing plan, growth prospect research, feasibility, tenancy and real estate investor legal protection measures, and synergies with the existing home maintenance division at KNOX Technical Services to facilitate the introduction of home snagging and surveying services by the firm to its target audience.

On the Environmental Impact of Shale Oil and Gas Extraction: A Study on Texan Counties' Air Quality Explored the effect of shale oil and natural gas production within the state of Texas on air quality by exploring the level of production's effect on the level of air pollutants. Found the surprising result that the level of production may negatively impact or fail to impact the level of air pollutants in Texas, meaning the primary effect of production is on water quality deterioration instead of air quality.

Investment Valuation of Emaar Properties P.J.S.C. Through the use of the Chartered Financial Analysts' investments valuation guidelines, produced an investment valuation of Emaar Properties P.J.S.C in 2017 to aid in Emaar's stock investment decision. Used common practices by financial analysts to perform an absolute and relative valuation of Emaar, as well as disclosing the investment risks and growth prospects to show why Emaar at the time was a good investment choice.

Natural Resources and Economic Development in the Middle East: The Role of Institutions Econometric Analysis of the role of various institutions and their effect through natural resources on economic development and growth within the Middle Eastern region. Uncovered a globally-unrepresentative relationship, likely to the effect of the inclusion of the GCC region within the dataset.

Relationship between Educational Quality and Land Prices in Dubai Used panel data econometric analysis to explore the relationship between the educational quality of schools in Dubai with nearby land prices. It was found, after controlling for other factors, that land prices in Dubai were much less affected by nearby schooling quality than US land due to the lack of school districts in Dubai. Expanded this paper to explore the real estate market from a financial standpoint and through hedonic price regressions in the UAE and critiqued the Open Data policy.

The Interaction between Poverty and Inequality on GDP per Capita Through two-stage least squares panel data econometric analysis, the interaction between poverty and inequality on a country's GDP per capita was explored. The general consensus is that the more unequal the wealth distribution is in a country, the higher its poverty rate and lower its GDP per capita

Ethical Evaluation and Impact of Johnson & Johnson's Cancer-Causing Talc-based Products Thoroughly outlined and evaluated the impact of Johnson & Johnson's cancer-causing talc-based products on society, and created a full-fledged strategy to avoid its occurrence in the future.

Restructuring of Temasek and Dome in the UAE Investigated the micro and macro environment of Temasek in the UAE, and set a detailed business restructuring strategy to ensure future profitability and sustainability.

Honors and Extracurricular Activity

2014-16	Multiple Exceeding Expectation Awards - Written Communication, Critical Thinking, and Problem Solving , American University of Sharjah	Sharjah, UAE
2016	Invited Member , Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society for Economics	International
2016	99th Percentile ETS Major Field Award Across Global Colleges , American University of Sharjah	Sharjah, UAE
2017	Invited Member , Beta Gamma Sigma Best in Business Society	International
2014-17	Gold Medal - Triple Placement on the Chancellor's List , American University of Sharjah	Sharjah, UAE
2013-17	Sextuple Placement on the Dean's List , American University of Sharjah	Sharjah, UAE
2013-17	AUS Merit Scholarship - Dean's List Scholarship - Chancellor's List Scholarship , American University of Sharjah	Sharjah, UAE
2016-17	Academic Excellence Award - Best in Bachelor of Arts in Economics , American University of Sharjah	Sharjah, UAE
2012-17	Volunteer , Long-Term Language and Skill-Specific Tutoring and Financial Advising Services, Focused on Locality with Limited Education or Previous Incarceration	UAE
2017	CFA Level I Scholarship , Chartered Financial Analyst Institute	International
2017	Globally-Recognized Highly Commended Paper Entrant and Regional Winner (Africa and the Middle East) in Economics and Invited Member , Undergraduate Awards Alumni Network	International