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Education

Boston University
Boston, MA
Class of 2027

M.F.A in Graphic Design

Brown University
Providence, RI
Class of 2024
GPA N/A

Sc.B in Computer Science-Economics
Relevant Courses: Object-Oriented Programming, Algorithms & Data Structures, Data Science, UI/UX, Foundation Media, Digital & Cross-Disciplinary Language Arts, Black & White Photography

Rhode Island School of Design
Providence, RI
Sep 2023 - Feb 2024
GPA 4.0/4.0

Cross-Registration
Courses: History of Graphic Design, Intro to Graphic Design

Experience

Dogus Technology
UI/UX Designer
Istanbul, Turkey
Aug 2024 - Jul 2024

- Designed high-fidelity desktop and mobile prototypes in Figma for *vdf Insurance* and D-Mobility (e-bike e-commerce)
- Conducted design compatibility testing to ensure developed website matched original prototypes
- Participated in the Design Guild, developing a heuristic evaluation system to assess and improve application usability

Willkie Farr & Gallagher
Web Development UI/UX Intern
New York, NY
Jun 2023 - Dec 2023

- Designed and tested user-friendly prototypes for internal platforms used by 1,200+ lawyers across 13 offices
- Enhanced design consistency across platforms through collaboration in Agile sprints
- Applied HTML and CSS to update website content, ensuring responsive and accessible designs

Brown University
Teaching Assistant
Providence, RI
Sep 2022 - Dec 2022

- Assisted Andries van Dam in teaching Intro to Object-Oriented Programming for 440 students, leading weekly lab sections for 20 students and providing support on core programming concepts
- Held office hours, offering one-on-one assistance with debugging, understanding course concepts, and problem-solving

Projects

D-Mobility
UI/UX Designer
Istanbul, Turkey
Mar 2025 - Apr 2025

- Designed brand identity and high-fidelity desktop prototypes in Figma and contributed to responsive mobile layouts
- Conducted design compatibility testing to ensure consistency with development

vdf Insurance
UI/UX Designer
Istanbul, Turkey
Aug 2024 - Jan 2025

- Designed desktop and mobile screens using Figma and developed a comprehensive design system
- Participated in weekly client meetings to integrate iterative feedback

Involvement

Brown University
Cultural Association of Turkey
Secretary
Providence, RI
Sep 2022 - May 2024

- Managed funds and reimbursements for events and led earthquake relief fundraising efforts, raising $14,000+ for AHBAP Foundation and Turkish Philanthropy Funds
- Coordinated a large-scale fundraising event for 300+ attendees featuring Turkish cultural activities and donations

Awards

Top 25 Most Successful Turkish Graduates in America
StudyinAmerica.com
June 2024

- Recognized by StudyinAmerica.com and Tamer Turkman for academic excellence, leadership, and social contributions among Turkish students graduating from U.S. universities

Skills

HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, SQL, Responsive Web Design, Wireframing, Prototyping, Creating Personas, User Interviews, User Testing, A/B Testing, 35mm Film Photography (including darkroom processes), Figma, Sketch, Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Premier Pro, Lightroom, XD), Microsoft Office

Languages

Turkish (Native), English (Native), German (Advanced)