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The University of Jordan (www.ju.edu.jo) 2002-2009 The faculty of Engineering & Technology

- MS Degree in Communication Engineering, with an *excellent* average (**Top class student**). Thesis title: "Design of a Multi-band loop antenna for wireless communications". Part of this Thesis was published as a paper in **KSU** journal, an **Elsevier** journal (volume 23, 2011)
- B.Sc. Degree in Engineering with a major in Electrical Engineering, with a *Very Good* average.
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I worked as a research aide with Prof. Jianhui Wang in a scoping study for the department of energy about DC microgrids protection and control.

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I worked as a teacher and research assistant, I taught electrical circuit's courses and electrical circuits & power systems labs. Research interest areas include microgrid protection and the effect of EM radiations on human head.

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National Electrical Power Company (NEPCO www.nepco.com.jo)

I worked as a power system protection engineer, I was responsible for all protection and control devices commissioning in the new high voltage substations (400 kV and 132 kV). I was able to do the following:

- Short circuit calculations, CT's and VT's testing and calculations.
- Relays secondary injection: main and backup relays (AREVA, SIEMENS, ABB, SEL).
- Primary injection, busbar stability and sensitivity, and transformers Diff. and REF tests.
- Scheme check for tele-protection and Inter-tripping schemes.
- Fault recorders programming and commissioning.
- Power transformers testing and circuit breaker testing.
- Setting calculations for all relays at the new substations.

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Engineering Practice in the Royal Scientific Society (RRS)

• Design & implementation of electrical systems & equipments, testing of electrical devices, and calibration of electrical meters against universal standards. Design & implementation of *PCB* (printed circuit boards).

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- **OMICRON** (Relay Test Unit) course and an introduction to Distance and differential Protection by **OMICRON** Company in Aug, 2006.
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- IEEE student member since 2005.
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