

SALAM MURAD

INTERIOR DESIGNER | FOUNDER | ACADEMIC LEADER

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Interior Designer, founder, and academic leader with 8+ years of combined experience across professional practice, design education, and program leadership. Leads residential, commercial, hospitality, exhibition, and real estate projects from concept development through visualization, technical documentation, and project coordination, while bringing extensive expertise in curriculum development, faculty supervision, studio teaching, and student mentorship. Founder of Salam Murad Interiors and former Head of the Interior Design Department at Raffles Institute, currently continuing as a part-time lecturer.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder & Lead Interior Designer | Salam Murad Interiors

November 2020 - Present

- Established an independent interior design practice alongside an academic career and formally registered Salam Murad Interiors as a commercial business in 2025.
- Lead residential, commercial, hospitality, exhibition, and real estate development projects, including villas, private residences, chalets, leisure retreats, fashion exhibitions, and multi-unit developments.
- Manage the full design process from client consultation, concept development, and space planning through material selection, 3D visualization, shop drawings, and coordination with clients, contractors, and suppliers.

Interior Designer | Al-Sawadi Company

February 2020 - October 2020

- Designed and executed residential and commercial projects.
- Developed design concepts, space plans, material selections, shop drawings, and Bills of Quantities.
- Coordinated with engineering and construction teams during implementation and reviewed drawings for compliance with project specifications.

Interior Designer | Arwa Designs Office

April 2018 - January 2020

- Led residential and commercial design projects from concept through execution.
- Produced technical drawings, BOQs, and 3D visualizations, and coordinated site implementation with contractors and suppliers.
- Managed client communication and strengthened the practical integration between design development and site execution.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Head of Interior Design Department | Raffles Institute

September 2020 - February 2026

- Led curriculum development, academic planning, program evaluation, and quality assurance across the Interior Design department.
- Supervised faculty members and supported consistent course delivery, assessment standards, and student progression.
- Directed the complete interior design development of the institute's new campus, aligning spatial planning and design identity with the academic vision.
- Supervised graduation projects, portfolio assessments, and student academic progression.
- Organized student exhibitions and coordinated academic and industry collaborations.

Program Development Contributions | King Saud University

Selected Curriculum Development Work

- Contributed to the academic structuring of the Intermediate Diploma Program in Interior Design, College of Applied Studies, including curriculum framework design, course specifications, and learning-outcome alignment.
- Contributed to the Intermediate Diploma Program in Architectural Engineering Technologies, including academic mapping and alignment with higher-education standards.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Interior Design Lecturer - Part-Time | Raffles Institute

March 2026 - Present

Continue to deliver selected interior design courses and mentor students on a part-time basis alongside independent professional practice.

Interior Design Lecturer - Full-Time | Raffles Institute

March 2018 - February 2026

Delivered studio-based, theoretical, technical, and digital courses across undergraduate levels, integrating professional practice with academic instruction and student mentoring.

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

I believe interior design education must bridge conceptual thinking with real-world application. My teaching approach is rooted in studio-based learning, encouraging students to develop their individual design identity through critical inquiry and structured experimentation.

I emphasize the integration of aesthetics, functionality, and technical understanding, guiding students beyond surface-level design toward spatial logic and contextual awareness. By integrating professional practice into academic instruction, I aim to cultivate analytical thinking, professional responsibility, and confident decision-making in future designers.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ENGAGEMENT

- Designed and delivered a public course in Interior Design Principles for non-specialist participants outside regular academic hours.
- Procreate for Interior Designers (2024).
- Architecture & Design Educators Forum (2023) - Architecture & Design Commission.
- Collaboration in Design (2023) - Architecture & Design Commission.
- Participated in Designathon 2025 Competition - ranked among the Top 10 teams.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Interior Design Engineering | Prince Sultan University - Riyadh

2013 - 2017 | GPA: 3.95/4

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

Undergraduate Research Forum 2017 | Dean's List (2014-2017) | Diploma in Graphic Design | Diploma in Photoshop

TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

AutoCAD | 3Ds Max | Adobe Photoshop | Adobe Illustrator | Microsoft Office | Rendering & Visualization Tools

LANGUAGES & RESIDENCY

Arabic - Native | English - Fluent

Nationality: Syrian | Residency Status: Spouse of a Saudi Citizen - No Sponsorship Transfer Required