



Fatima Al-Rashidi

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EDUCATION

Sep 2024 – Sep 2026 (Expected)

M.A. Sociology & Development Studies in Dissertation: 'Navigating Informality: Syrian Refugee Women's Economic Agency in Urban Jordan'

London School of Economics and Political Science

GPA: Current Average: 72% (Distinction Level)

- Awarded LSE Graduate Support Scheme bursary (£4,500)
- Shortlisted for LSE Sociology Prize for best dissertation proposal, 2025

Sep 2020 – Jun 2024

B.A. Sociology & Anthropology in Minors: Gender Studies, Arabic Literature

American University of Beirut

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Second-year M.A. student in Sociology and Development Studies at the London School of Economics, with a distinction-level average (72%). Applying for the British Academy Small Research Grant to fund 6 weeks of qualitative fieldwork in Jordan examining refugee women's labor market integration. Three years of research methodology experience including ethnographic fieldwork, semi-structured interviews, and mixed-methods analysis.

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant Jan 2025 – Present LSE Middle East Centre, London, UK

- Assisting Dr. Nadia Salam on a 3-year ESRC-funded project on migration and urban governance in MENA
- Conducted 22 semi-structured interviews with municipal officials and civil society actors in Lebanon (remote)
- Managing NVivo coding for a dataset of 180+ interview transcripts; produced 3 thematic analytical memos

Field Research Intern Jun 2023 – Aug 2023 UN Women – Lebanon Country Office, Beirut, Lebanon

- Conducted 35 household surveys and 8 focus group discussions on women's economic empowerment in informal settlements
- Co-authored internal policy brief: 'Barriers to Female Labor Force Participation in Informal Urban Zones'
- Translated and transcribed 40+ hours of Arabic-language interview material

Teaching Assistant — Sep 2022 – May 2023 Introduction to Sociology American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon

- Facilitated weekly discussion sections of 18 students; graded essays and provided

GPA: GPA: 3.93 / 4.00 — Summa Cum Laude

- Valedictorian speaker at 2024 Commencement Ceremony
- AUB Excellence Scholarship recipient (full tuition, 4 years)

written feedback

- Rated 4.9 / 5.0 on student evaluations across two semesters

★ SKILLS

Qualitative Research — Ethnography, Grounded Theory, Thematic Analysis	Advanced
Mixed-Methods Design — Survey, Interview, Focus Group	Advanced
NVivo & Atlas.ti (Qualitative Data Analysis)	Advanced
SPSS & R (Quantitative Social Research)	Intermediate
Academic Writing & Grant Proposal Drafting	Advanced
Arabic-English Translation & Transcription	Advanced
Policy Brief Writing & Research Communication	Intermediate