

DERIN KARAMAN

Trilingual Womenswear designer + Experimental textiles + production management

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EDUCATION

- **PARSONS SCHOOL OF DESIGN**, New York, NY - **Expected graduation: May 2027**

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fashion Design, Minor in Fashion Business

Distinctions: Dean's Merit Scholar

Area of Specialty: collection

- **LYCÉE FRANÇAIS PIERRE LOTI**, Istanbul, Turkey - **September 2020 - June 2023**

French Baccalauréat (Diplôme de Baccalauréat Général)

distinctions: summa cum laude, 4.0 GPA

areas of specialty: English literature & Math

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **SPOTLIGHT X MAGAZINE**, New York: *fashion media & editorial internship focusing* - **August 2025 - Current**

Supported event hosting and coverage (NYFW, Milan Fashion Week, and other fashion/lifestyle events) while generating editorial and social media content for the magazine.

- **OLAH INC./ MATERIAL EXCHANGE**, New York, NY : *Inventory & trend forecasting intern* - **March 2024 - May 2025**

Managed sample inventory and trend research using Excel, Google Suite, and archive boards. Contributed to forecasting reports and presentations for Sharabati, Prosperity, and Rainbow denim mills. Gained technical knowledge in sustainability and production pipeline.

- **OZLEM SUER**, Istanbul Turkey : *fashion design and bridal intern* - **June 2025**

Assisted with lace placement, fabric draping, and fittings in the couture bridal atelier. Supported design development and client-facing custom gown preparations.

- **SIZZLE**, New York, NY : *Social Media management & content intern* - **November 2024 - August 2025**

Created short-form video content. Developed an eye for digital storytelling, branding, and platform-native trends relevant to user engagement.

- **PRINTING FESTIVAL**, Paris, France - **April 2025**

Attended international textile event exploring experimental printing techniques, fabric manipulation, and sustainable color processes.

- **KINGPINS**, New York, NY - **January 2024**

Projectect UNEXPLORED: Ereks x Blue Matters x ORTA x ENDRIME

Worked on innovative denim concepts with Ereks x Blue Matters x ORTA x ENDRIME. Supported design ideation, sample development, and trend research in collaboration with denim sustainability experts.

Olah Inc. : for Sharabati, Prosperity, Rainbow

Supported the event organization and booth preparation

- **THE BLUE MATTERS**, Istanbul Turkey: *Factory & headquarters assistance intern* - **July 2023**

Assisted in material sourcing, quality control, and production line logistics using Excel, email correspondences, and in-person coordination with factory technicians. Gained insight into denim supply chain operations and textile sustainability at an industrial scale.

- **ISTANBUL FASHION CONNECTION** *production assistant* - **August 2023**

Provided backstage support for runway presentation, handling garment preparation, final steaming, and designer coordination. Worked under tight show deadlines and learned real-time problem-solving during fashion event execution.

- **CIGDEM AKIN**, Istanbul Turkey: *Fashion design intern* - **August 2021**

Supported the development of the S/S collection by assisting with fabric selection, pattern adjustments, and fittings. Observed the creative-to-production workflow in a designer-led brand and deepened understanding of local garment manufacturing processes.

DESIGN INTENSIVE WORKSHOPS

- **PARSONS SCHOOL OF DESIGN**, New York, NY - **July 2022- August 2022**

summer intensive short course: fashion illustration

- **SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO (SAIC)**, Chicago, Illinois - **June 2022- July 2022**

summer intensive short course: fashion design

- **PRATT INSTITUTE**, Izmir, Turkey - **Jul 2019 - Aug 2019**

summer school: portfolio development

- **CENTRAL SAINT MARTINS**, London, England

Fashion design intensive - **Dec 2021 - Dec 2021**

Portfolio preparation intensive - **Dec 2021 - Jan 2022**

Fashion design: summer intensive short course - **Jul 2018 - Aug 2018**

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- **Fashion & Technical Skills:** Draping, Pattern Making, Garment Construction, Sewing, Trend Forecasting, Branding, Storytelling
- **Software:** Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Premiere, Animate, Procreate, Excel
- **Languages:** Turkish (native), English & French (fluent), Spanish & Portuguese (advanced)