General Guidelines
The Persian minor program requires five upper-division courses in Persian literature and culture. Students wishing to major in Persian should see the major requirements page for more information.

Declaring the Minor
Students may declare the Persian minor as soon as they begin their course study. Please find the minor declaration form in the Near Eastern Studies Department. Students must declare the minor no later than one semester before their Expected Graduation Term (EGT). If the semester before EGT is summer, the deadline is the final Friday of Summer Sessions. To declare a minor, contact the department advisor for information on requirements, and the declaration process.

Minor Requirements
Lower Division
- PERSIAN 1A Elementary Modern Persian [5]
- PERSIAN 1B Elementary Modern Persian [5]
- or Persian 11A & Persian 11B for heritage speakers

Upper Division
- PERSIAN 100A Advanced Persian 3
- Select two from the following: 6
  - PERSIAN 100B Advanced Persian [3]
  - PERSIAN 102A Readings in Classical Persian Prose [3]
  - PERSIAN 102RO Readings in Classical Persian Prose [3]
  - PERSIAN 103AClassical Persian Poetry [3]
  - PERSIAN 103EClassical Persian Poetry [3]
  - PERSIAN 104AContemporary Persian Literature [3]
  - PERSIAN 104EContemporary Persian Literature [3]
  - PERSIAN 105 Modern Analytical Prose in Persian [3]

Select two from the following: 6
- Persian Culture and History
- NE STUD C121 Topics in Islamic Art [4]
- NE STUD C121B Topics in Islamic Art [4]
- NE STUD 129 Arts of Iran and Central Asia [4]
- NE STUD 142 Shi'ite Islam [3]
- NE STUD 144 Sufism: The Mysticism of Islam [3]
- NE STUD 140 Topics in Islamic Thought and Institutions [3]
- NE STUD 146 Islam [4]
- NE STUD 148 Emergence of the Modern Middle East [4]
- NE STUD 153 Synagogues, Cathedrals, and Mosques: The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain [4]
- NE STUD 151 Middle Eastern Women Writers [4]
- NE STUD 155 Wonder and the Fantastic: The Thousand and One Nights in World Literary Imagination [3]
- NE STUD 156 Sociolinguistics of the Greater Middle East [4]
- NE STUD 160 Religions of Ancient Iran [3]
- NE STUD 161 Art and Culture of the Persian World [4]
- NE STUD 162H History of Persian Literature [4]
- NE STUD 162H History of Persian Literature [4]
- NE STUD 165 Film and Fiction of Iran [4]
- NE STUD 170 Islamic History and Historiography (600-1050) [3]
- NE STUD 175 History and Culture of Afghanistan [3]
Persian

Expand all course descriptions [+]
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PERSIAN 1A Elementary Modern Persian 5 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018
Introduction to Persian language, covering basics of the language skills in all aspects of reading, writing, listening comprehension, and speaking with emphasis on culture and communicative methods.

Elementary Modern Persian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Prerequisite for Persian 1B, or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intensive Elementary Persian: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 1B Elementary Modern Persian 5 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
Introduction to Persian language, covering basics of the language skills in all aspects of reading, writing, listening comprehension, and speaking with emphasis on culture and communicative methods.

Elementary Modern Persian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 1A, or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intensive Elementary Persian: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 10 Intensive Elementary Persian 10 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2017, Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Summer 2015 8 Week Session
This course is equivalent to a full year of elementary Persian. It will train students in the four language skills: speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing. Emphasis will be placed on the functional usage of the language.

Intensive Elementary Persian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 10 after taking 1A-1B.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intensive Elementary Persian: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 11A Reading and Composition for Persian Speaking Students 5 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
Designed for heritage students who possess oral skills (speaking/comprehension, though limited) but need to improve their writing and reading abilities, and expand their knowledge of Persian grammar and syntax. Completion of 11A-11B will prepare the student to take Persian 20A, Intermediate Persian.

Reading and Composition for Persian Speaking Students: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Rudimentary knowledge of spoken Persian and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Reading and Composition for Persian Speaking Students: Read Less [-]
PERSIAN 11B Reading and Composition for Persian-Speaking Students 5 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
Designed for heritage students who possess oral skills (speaking/comprehension, though limited) but need to improve their writing and reading abilities, and expand their knowledge of Persian grammar and syntax. Completion of 11A-11B will prepare the student to take Persian 20A, Intermediate Persian.
Reading and Composition for Persian-Speaking Students: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Persian 11A or the consent of the instructor
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Reading and Composition for Persian-Speaking Students: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 20 Intensive Intermediate Persian 10 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2017 8 Week Session, Summer 2007 10 Week Session, Summer 2007 8 Week Session
A year or more of advanced level Persian with emphasis on advanced grammar and vocabulary build up. Newspaper clippings, film reviews and cultural awareness through introduction of literature will be covered.
Intensive Intermediate Persian: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Persian 1A-1B or Persian 10 or equivalent
Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Intensive Intermediate Persian: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 20A Intermediate Modern Persian 5 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018
The sequence begins in the fall. This course emphasizes reading of simple literary texts, expository writing and composition, formal conversation, grammar, and syntax. It involves intensive vocabulary building in preparation for advanced reading and comprehension of standard literary texts.
Intermediate Modern Persian: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Persian 1A-1B or Persian 11A-11B or consent of instructor
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Intermediate Modern Persian: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 20B Intermediate Modern Persian 5 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
The sequence begins in the fall. This course emphasizes reading of simple literary texts, expository writing and composition, formal conversation, grammar, and syntax. It involves intensive vocabulary building in preparation for advanced reading and comprehension of standard literary texts.
Intermediate Modern Persian: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Persian 20A or the consent of the instructor
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Intermediate Modern Persian: Read Less [-]
PERSIAN 50 Persian Reading and Composition 10 Units
Terms offered: Summer 1997 10 Week Session, Summer 1995 10 Week Session
This course is designed to promote advanced literacy skills in students with different levels of spoken Persian but little or no reading and writing skills in the language. This course will prepare students to take advanced literature courses in the Persian language.
Persian Reading and Composition: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Knowledge of spoken Persian and consent of instructor
Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 50 after taking 106A-106B.

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 100B Advanced Persian 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
Emphasis on intensive vocabulary building, comprehensive grammar review, reading and analysis of short literary texts of various genres from classical and modern periods, and reading newspaper clips and other original sources in Persian media.
Advanced Persian: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Persian 100A or the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 100A Advanced Persian 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018
Emphasis on intensive vocabulary building, comprehensive grammar review, reading and analysis of short literary texts of various genres from classical and modern periods, and reading newspaper clips and other original sources in Persian media.
Advanced Persian: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Persian 20A-20B or equivalent, or consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 101A Readings in Persian Literature 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011
Readings in both prose and poetry, drawn chiefly from classical and modern Persian literature, designed to increase reading skills and vocabulary and to provide a transition to the study of more challenging literary texts.
Readings in Persian Literature: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Persian 100A-100B or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Readings in Persian Literature: Read Less [-]
PERSIAN 101B Readings in Persian Literature 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2012
Readings in both prose and poetry, drawn chiefly from classical and modern Persian literature, designed to increase reading skills and vocabulary and to provide a transition to the study of more challenging literary texts.
Readings in Persian Literature: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Persian 101A or the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Readings in Persian Literature: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 102A Readings in Classical Persian Prose 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Fall 2016, Fall 2014
Systematic study of representative selections from all periods of classical Persian literature, with attention to the historical and intellectual context.
Readings in Classical Persian Prose: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 101A or 101B or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Readings in Classical Persian Prose: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 102B Readings in Classical Persian Prose 3 Units
Systematic study of representative selections from all periods of classical Persian literature, with attention to the historical and intellectual context.
Readings in Classical Persian Prose: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 101A or 101B or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Readings in Classical Persian Prose: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 103A Classical Persian Poetry 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2017
Systematic study of poems belonging to all genres of classical Persian poetry, with consideration of questions of prosody, rhetoric, and style.
Classical Persian Poetry: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 101A or 101B or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Classical Persian Poetry: Read Less [-]
PERSIAN 103B Classical Persian Poetry 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2016
Systematic study of poems belonging to all genres of classical Persian poetry, with consideration of questions of prosody, rhetoric, and style. Classical Persian Poetry: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 101A or 101B or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 104A Contemporary Persian Literature 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2013, Summer 1996 10 Week Session
This course will deal with significant works of Persian prose and poetry from the beginning of the 19th century down to the present. Complete works or extracts from them will be read in the original as a preliminary to their analysis in terms of literary and stylistic development, as well as the changing role of literature in society. The works of the 19th century and the period of the Constitutional Revolution (1905-1911). Contemporary Persian Literature: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 101A or 101B or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PERSIAN 105 Modern Analytical Prose in Persian 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2015, Spring 2010
This course deals with modern/contemporary critical theory, literary history, aesthetics and philosophy, and various theories of literary and cultural criticism in Persian. It concentrates on selected modern analytical, discursive, and expository texts in Persian. The course explores, from an inter- and multi-disciplinary perspective, how different movements, genres, and rhetorical aspects of modern/contemporary literature and culture have been perceived, historically contextualized, and critically positioned within the larger intellectual and scholarly domain in Persian. All texts will be read in the original Persian. Modern Analytical Prose in Persian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 101A-101B or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
PERSIAN 120 Intensive Intermediate Persian
10 Units
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
A year or more of advanced level Persian with emphasis on advanced
grammar and vocabulary build up. Newspaper clippings, film reviews and
cultural awareness through introduction of literature will be covered.
Intensive Intermediate Persian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Persian 1A-1B or Persian 10 or equivalent

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 20
Intensive Intermediate Persian: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.
Senior Honors: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final
exam not required.

Senior Honors: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 198 Directed Group Study for
Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.
Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per
week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final
exam not required.

Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 199 Supervised Independent Study
and Research 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2003, Fall 2002
Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the .
Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Persian/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final
exam not required.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]