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# Persian

In the Department of Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages  
In the College of Arts and Letters

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**Offered by the Department of  
Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages**  
Courses in Persian.

Major or minor work in Persian is not offered.

## Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Students electing the study of Persian to fulfill the language requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts and sciences must successfully complete Persian 201 or the equivalent level of achievement. The usual sequence of coursework is Persian 101, 102, and 201. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements" for additional ways to satisfy competency.

## High School Equivalents

High school foreign language courses may be used for purposes of placement in college courses and may be counted toward meeting the language requirement in various majors. These high school courses will not count as college credit toward graduation.

Secondary school language courses can be used as follows:

1. The first *two years* of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first semester of a college level course.
2. The first *three years* of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first two college semesters.
3. *Four years* of high school level language count as the equivalent of three college semesters or five college quarters, thus fulfilling the language requirement.

## Courses (PERS)

*Refer to Courses and Curricula and University Policies sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.*

### LOWER DIVISION COURSES

**Native speakers of Persian will not receive credit for taking lower division courses in Persian except with advance approval from the department.**

**No credit will be given for Persian 101, 102, 201, and 202 taken out of sequence.**

#### **PERS 101. Elementary Modern Persian I (4) [GE]**

Introduction to modern Persian and Persian writing system. Development of speaking, listening, and reading skills using multimedia materials. Vocabulary for everyday topics and develop culturally appropriate discourse strategies for everyday situations. Not open to students with credit in Persian 102, 201, 202, 301, or a higher-numbered Persian course.

#### **PERS 102. Elementary Modern Persian II (4) [GE]**

Prerequisite: Persian 101 or two years of high school Persian.  
Continuation of Persian 101. Development of speaking, listening, and reading skills using multimedia materials. Vocabulary for everyday topics and develop culturally appropriate discourse strategies for everyday situations. Not open to students with credit in Persian 201, 202, 301, or a higher-numbered Persian course.

#### **PERS 201. Intermediate Persian I (4) [GE]**

Prerequisite: Persian 102.  
Further development of speaking, reading, listening, and writing skills, with emphasis on language of everyday conversation. Integrated approach to learning Persian to include awareness and appreciation of Persian culture. Not open to students with credit in Persian 202, 301, or a higher-numbered Persian course.

#### **PERS 202. Intermediate Persian II (4) [GE]**

Prerequisite: Persian 201.  
Intermediate level students achieve further proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing; produce language needed for daily routines and work related discourse. Not open to students with credit in Persian 301 or a higher-numbered Persian course.

#### **PERS 296. Experimental Topics (1-4)**

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

### UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

**All upper division courses in Persian are taught in Persian unless otherwise stated.**

**No credit will be given for Persian 301 and 302 taken out of sequence.**

#### **PERS 301. Advanced Persian I (4) [GE]**

Prerequisites: Persian 202 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities.  
Oral expression and writing for practical purposes; exposure to various dialects through newspaper and media; elements of literary and classical language.

#### **PERS 302. Advanced Persian II (4) [GE]**

Prerequisites: Persian 301 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.C., Humanities.  
Writing complex literary and expository texts. Reading modern and classical texts to include complicated media. Producing, understanding debates and speeches.

#### **PERS 400A. Iranian Life and Culture through Literature (3)**

Prerequisite: Persian 302.  
Iranian life and culture as represented through literature. Iran's cultural, political, and social trends. History and the study of cross-cultural encounters.

#### **PERS 400B. Iranian Life and Culture through Contemporary Film (3)**

Prerequisite: Persian 302.  
Current cultural and social issues in Iran through study of representative films.

#### **PERS 496. Topics in Persian Studies (1-4)**

Topics in Persian language, literature, culture, and linguistics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum credit eight units. May be taught in English.

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