

# Persian

## Minor

The Department of Near Eastern Studies offers a minor in Persian. Option A is open to students with little or no background in the language. Option B is for students who have completed the equivalent of two years of university-level coursework in the language. For specific information regarding the requirements for each option, please see the Minor Requirements tab on this page.

Students may pursue the major in Ancient Near Eastern archaeology and art history and a minor in one of the Department's language programs, even though both are administered by the Department of Near Eastern Studies. Students may *not* pursue a major in one of the Near Eastern Studies languages and a minor in another. Students may pursue the major in Near Eastern languages and literatures and a minor in Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern civilizations.

## Declaring the Minor

After finishing a minor, students are required to submit a Completion of L & S Minor form (<http://ls-advise.berkeley.edu/tp/00minor.pdf>).

## Other Majors and Minors offered by the Department of Near Eastern Studies

Ancient Egyptian Near Eastern Art and Archaeology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-art-archaeology>) (Major only)  
 Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-civilizations>) (Minor only)  
 Arabic (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/arabic>) (Minor only)  
 Hebrew (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/hebrew>) (Minor only)  
 Turkish (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/turkish>) (Minor only)

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but they are not noted on diplomas.

## General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for graded credit.
2. A minimum of three of the upper-division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
4. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth Requirement for Letters and Science students.
5. No more than one upper-division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.

6. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which the student plans to graduate. Students who cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time should see a College of Letters and Science adviser.
7. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

## Requirements, Option A

Open to students with no background in the language

Lower-division		
PERSIAN 1A	Elementary Modern Persian	5
PERSIAN 1B	Elementary Modern Persian	5
Upper-division		
PERSIAN 100A	Advanced Persian	3
PERSIAN 100B	Advanced Persian	3
PERSIAN 101A	Readings in Persian Literature	3
PERSIAN 101B	Readings in Persian Literature	3
Select one of the following:		3
NE STUD 143A Islam in Iran		
NE STUD 143B Islam in Iran		
NE STUD 160 Religions of Ancient Iran		
NE STUD 162A History of Persian Literature		
NE STUD 162E History of Persian Literature		
NE STUD 175 History and Culture of Afghanistan		
Total Units		25

## Requirements, Option B

Open to students who can demonstrate proficiency at a level equivalent to that expected of students who have successfully completed the elementary and intermediate courses in the language (2 years of university-level coursework)

Upper-division		
Select 5 courses in Persian literature from the following:		15
PERSIAN 101A Readings in Persian Literature		
PERSIAN 101E Readings in Persian Literature		
PERSIAN 102A Readings in Classical Persian Prose		
PERSIAN 102E Readings in Classical Persian Prose		
PERSIAN 103A Classical Persian Poetry		
PERSIAN 103E Classical Persian Poetry		
PERSIAN 104A Contemporary Persian Literature		
Select 2 1-semester courses in Persian culture/history		6
Total Units		21

## Persian

### PERSIAN 1A Elementary Modern Persian 5 Units

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.

#### 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.

### PERSIAN 1B Elementary Modern Persian 5 Units

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.

#### 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.

### PERSIAN 10 Intensive Elementary Persian 10 Units

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.

#### 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.

### PERSIAN 11A Reading and Composition for Persian Speaking Students 5 Units

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.

#### 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.

### PERSIAN 11B Reading and Composition for Persian-Speaking Students 5 Units

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.

#### 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.

### PERSIAN 20 Intensive Intermediate Persian 10 Units

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.

#### 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.

**PERSIAN 20A Intermediate Modern Persian 5 Units**

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.

**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.

**PERSIAN 20B Intermediate Modern Persian 5 Units**

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.

**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.

**PERSIAN 50 Persian Reading and Composition 10 Units**

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.

**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 100A Advanced Persian 3 Units**

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.

**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 100B Advanced Persian 3 Units**

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.

**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 101A Readings in Persian Literature 3 Units**

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.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** PERSIAN 100A-100B or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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 101B Readings in Persian Literature 3 Units**

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.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** PERSIAN 101A or the consent of the instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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 102A 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.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 101A or 101B or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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 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.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 101A or 101B or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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 103A Classical Persian Poetry 3 Units**

Systematic study of poems belonging to all genres of classical Persian poetry, with consideration of questions of prosody, rhetoric, and style.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 101A or 101B or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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 103B Classical Persian Poetry 3 Units**

Systematic study of poems belonging to all genres of classical Persian poetry, with consideration of questions of prosody, rhetoric, and style.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 101A or 101B or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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**

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).

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 101A or 101B or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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 104B Contemporary Persian Literature 3 Units**

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 literature of the rest of the 20th century.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 101A or 101B or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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**

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.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 101A-101B or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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**

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.

**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.

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**PERSIAN H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units**

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Limited to senior honors candidates

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for a maximum 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.

**PERSIAN 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units**

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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.

PERSIAN 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units  
Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the .

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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.