

Persian

Minor

The Department of Near Eastern Studies offers two options for 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/fp/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/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-art-archaeology>) (Major)

Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-civilizations>) (Major)

Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-languages-literatures>) (Major)

Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-civilizations>) (Minor)

Arabic (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/arabic>) (Minor)

Hebrew (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/hebrew>) (Minor)

Turkish (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/degree-programs/turkish>) (Minor)

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 & 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 & 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
or Persian 11A & Persian 11B for heritage speakers		
PERSIAN 20A	Intermediate Modern Persian	5
PERSIAN 20B	Intermediate Modern Persian	5

Upper Division

PERSIAN 100A	Advanced Persian	3
Select two of the following:		6
PERSIAN 100E	Advanced Persian	
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	
PERSIAN 104E	Contemporary Persian Literature	
PERSIAN 105	Modern Analytical Prose in Persian	
Select two of the following:		6
NE STUD 143A	Islam in Iran	
NE STUD 143E	Islam in Iran	
NE STUD 160	Religions of Ancient Iran	
NE STUD 162A	History of Persian Literature	
NE STUD 162B	History of Persian Literature	
NE STUD 165	Film and Fiction of Iran	
NE STUD 175	History and Culture of Afghanistan	

Total Units **35**

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 (two years of university-level coursework).

Upper Division

Select four courses in Persian literature from the following:	12
PERSIAN 100A	Advanced Persian
PERSIAN 100E	Advanced Persian
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 two courses in Persian culture/history		6
NE STUD 143A	Islam in Iran	
NE STUD 143E	Islam in Iran	
NE STUD 162A	History of Persian Literature	
NE STUD 162E	History of Persian Literature	
NE STUD 165	Film and Fiction of Iran	
NE STUD 175	History and Culture of Afghanistan	
Total Units		18

Persian

PERSIAN 1A Elementary Modern Persian 5 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016

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.

Elementary Modern Persian: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 1B Elementary Modern Persian 5 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

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.

Elementary Modern Persian: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 10 Intensive Elementary Persian 10 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

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

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016

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

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

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

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

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

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016

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

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

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

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

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 Reading and Composition: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 100A Advanced Persian 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016

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.

Advanced Persian: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 100B Advanced Persian 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

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.

Advanced Persian: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 101A Readings in Persian Literature 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

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. 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.

Readings in Persian Literature: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 101B Readings in Persian Literature 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

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. 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.

Readings in Persian Literature: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 102A Readings in Classical Persian Prose 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2011

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

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2008, Spring 2006, Spring 2003

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

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2012, Fall 2010

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

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

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 104A Contemporary Persian Literature 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

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.

Contemporary Persian Literature: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 104B Contemporary Persian Literature 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2013, Spring 2007

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.

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.

Contemporary Persian Literature: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 105 Modern Analytical Prose in Persian 3 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

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.

Modern Analytical Prose in Persian: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 120 Intensive Intermediate Persian 10 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

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.

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Intensive Intermediate Persian: [Read Less](#) [-]

PERSIAN H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

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. 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.

Senior Honors: [Read Less](#) [-]

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

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

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

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

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](#) [-]