

# Persian

## Minor

The Persian minor introduces students to the people, language, cultures, history of the Persian-speaking world. The minor develops a student's command of reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension in the Persian language and may complement the student's intended major study.

Students wishing to major in the study of Persian should see the major requirements in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2018-19/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-languages-literatures>).

Students minoring in Persian can choose one of two options. 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.

## Declaring the Minor

Students may petition to add the Persian minor as soon as they begin their study of Persian. Please submit the Petition to Complete the Minor (<https://ls.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/advcompletionofnminor.pdf>) form to the undergraduate student adviser.

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

Ancient Egyptian Near Eastern Art and Archaeology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2018-19/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-art-archaeology>) (Major)  
 Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2018-19/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-civilizations>) (Major)  
 Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2018-19/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-languages-literatures>) (Major)  
 Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2018-19/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-civilizations>) (Minor)  
 Arabic (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2018-19/undergraduate/degree-programs/arabic>) (Minor)  
 Hebrew (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2018-19/undergraduate/degree-programs/hebrew>) (Minor)  
 Turkish (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2018-19/undergraduate/degree-programs/turkish>) (Minor)

The minor program requires five upper-division courses in Persian literature and culture. Students may overlap one course from their major in order to complete the Persian minor requirements.

## General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill major requirements must be taken for a letter grade and be at least 3 units.
2. Students pursuing a double major may overlap two courses to meet both major requirements. Students can also overlap one course to fulfill major and minor requirements.

3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in both upper and lower division courses used to fulfill the major requirements. For information regarding residency requirements and unit requirements, please see the College Requirements tab.
4. With prior consent of the major adviser, students may take courses across various disciplines to fulfill major requirements.

## Minor Requirements

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 [3]

PERSIAN 102A Readings in Classical Persian Prose [3]

PERSIAN 102E Readings in Classical Persian Prose [3]

PERSIAN 103A Classical Persian Poetry [3]

PERSIAN 103E Classical Persian Poetry [3]

PERSIAN 104A Contemporary Persian Literature [3]

PERSIAN 104E Contemporary Persian Literature [3]

PERSIAN 105 Modern Analytical Prose in Persian [3]

Select two of the following: 6

The undergraduate major adviser may approve external department substitution courses for the culture/history requirement.

NE STUD 140 Topics in Islamic Thought and Institutions [3]

NE STUD 146A Islam [3]

NE STUD 162A History of Persian Literature [4]

NE STUD 162B History of Persian Literature [4]

NE STUD 165 Film and Fiction of Iran [4]

NE STUD 175 History and Culture of Afghanistan [3]

**Total Units** 35

## Persian

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## PERSIAN 1A Elementary Modern Persian 5 Units

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

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 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.

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 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

Offered through: Near Eastern Studies

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

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 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

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 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

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 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

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 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.

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.

### 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.

### 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: 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

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 2019, Fall 2017, Spring 2012

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 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.

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.

### 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 [ - ]