

Persian

Minor

The Persian minor introduces students to the language, peoples, cultures, histories 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 Persian should see the major requirements in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-languages-literatures/>).

Students minoring in Persian must satisfy the lower division prerequisite requirements. Students may also take a language proficiency exam to waive the elementary and intermediate language courses. Please meet with the undergraduate major advisor to discuss course options or plan for study abroad.

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 the semester before their Expected Graduation Term (EGT)*. Please see the L&S minor guidelines (<https://ls.berkeley.edu/advising/planning/schedule-planning/minors/>) page for more information.

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

Ancient Egyptian Near Eastern Art and Archaeology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-art-archaeology/>) (Major)

Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-civilizations/>) (Major)

Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-languages-literatures/>) (Major)

Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-civilizations/>) (Minor)

Arabic (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/arabic/>) (Minor)

Hebrew (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/hebrew/>) (Minor)

Turkish (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/turkish/>) (Minor)

The Persian minor program requires five upper-division courses in Persian literature and culture.

General Guidelines

1. All minors must be declared no later than one semester before a student's Expected Graduation Term (EGT). If the semester before EGT is fall or spring, the deadline is the last day of RRR week. 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.

2. All courses taken to satisfy the minor requirement must be taken for a letter grade and be at least 3 units.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in order to declare and complete the minor.
4. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously satisfy requirements for a student's major and minor program.
5. With the prior consent of the faculty major advisor, students may take courses across various disciplines to fulfill the Persian minor culture and history requirement.

Minor Requirements

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 from 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 from the following: 6

Persian Culture and History

NE STUD C121	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD C121B	Topics in Islamic Art [4]
NE STUD 129	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 142	Course Not Available [3]
NE STUD 144	Course Not Available [3]
NE STUD 140	Course Not Available [3]
NE STUD 146	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 148	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 153	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 151	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 155	Course Not Available [3]
NE STUD 156	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 160	Course Not Available [3]
NE STUD 161	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 162A	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 162B	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 165	Course Not Available
NE STUD 170	Course Not Available [3]
NE STUD 175	Course Not Available [3]
NE STUD 180	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 190I	Course Not Available [4]

ASAMST 128A Muslims in America [4]

ASAMST 132A Islamophobia and Constructing Otherness [4]

HISTORY 109C The Middle East From the 18th Century to the Present [4]

Total Units

15

Persian

Expand all course descriptions [+] Collapse all course descriptions [-]

PERSIAN 1A Elementary Modern Persian 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

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

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019

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

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 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

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 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019

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 Reading and Composition: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 100A Advanced Persian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

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

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

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2013, Fall 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 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: Fall 2021, Spring 2019, Fall 2016

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

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

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.

Classical Persian Poetry: Read Less [-]

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.

Contemporary Persian Literature: Read Less [-]

PERSIAN 104B Contemporary Persian Literature 3 Units

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

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

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

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 [-]