PERS 011 Elementary Persian I
This course is designed to help you start learning Persian and to give you the necessary tools to continue your study of Persian. This course introduces the Persian alphabet alongside grammar and vocabulary. Emphasis is placed on actively using the language for interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes of communication. The four language skills (i.e., listening, speaking, reading and writing) as well as pronunciation and culture are integrated into the curriculum. There is no prerequisite.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 012 Elementary Persian II
This course is designed to help you build upon what you have learned in Elementary Persian I. Emphasis is placed on using the language for interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes of communication. Therefore use of English is restricted. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing as well as culture, vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation are integrated into the course. Students must either have successfully completed PERS-011, or take the departmental exam.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: PERS 011 or equivalent
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 013 Intermediate Persian I
This course is conducted in Persian and designed to help you continue expanding upon what you have learned in Elementary Persian II (PERS-012). In this course, we will begin to address a broader variety of cultural topics in order to increase your proficiency in linguistic as well as cultural terms. Emphasis is placed on actively using the language for interpersonal, interpretive and presentational modes of communication. Therefore use of English is restricted. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing are integrated into the course, as are culture, grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Students must either have successfully completed PERS-012 or take the departmental placement exam.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: PERS 012 or equivalent
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 014 Intermediate Persian II
In this course, we will continue to address a broader variety of cultural topics in order to increase your proficiency in linguistic as well as cultural terms. Emphasis is placed on actively using Persian for interpersonal, interpretive and presentational modes of communication. Therefore use of English is restricted. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing are integrated into the course, as are culture, grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Students must either have successfully completed PERS-013, or take the departmental placement exam.
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: PERS 013 or equivalent
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 015 Advanced Persian I
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: PERS 014 or PERS 018 or equivalent
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 016 Advanced Persian II
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Assefi-Shirazi
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: PERS015 or equivalent
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 017 Persian for Heritage Speakers I
A course designed to teach the reading and writing of standard modern Persian to those with a competency in spoken Persian. The course will focus on the lexical and syntactic differences between written and spoken Persian, and the problems of Persian spelling.
Taught by: Assefi-Shirazi
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisites: Fluency in spoken Persian.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 018 Persian for Heritage Speakers II
A course designed to develop greater skills in reading and writing standard modern Persian for those with a competency in spoken Persian. The course will focus on the lexical and syntactic differences between written and spoken Persian, and the problems of Persian spelling.
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisites: PERS 017 or permission of the instructor.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through the Penn Language Center

PERS 019 Advanced Persian in the Media
This course is designed for advanced students of Persian interested in contemporary Persian media from Iran as well as Afghanistan and abroad, who wish to gain a deeper understanding of contemporary Persian-speaking societies and politics. Students will advance their skills in reading and listening, as well as in writing and speaking.
Taught by: Assefi-Shirazi
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: PERS 016 or permission of the instructor.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through the Penn Language Center.
PERS 111 Beginning Pashtu I
Reading, writing, basic grammar and elemental speaking.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Santry
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 113 Intermediate Pashtu
A wide variety of reading genres, writing, and oral expression.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Santry
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisites: Beg. Pashtu, or permission by instructor.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 114 Intermediate Pashtu Part II
Beg. Pashto, or permission of the instructor. A wide variety of reading
genres, writing, and oral expression
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Taught by: Santry
Course usually offered in spring term
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through Penn Language Center. This is a two-semester
course.

PERS 320 Persian Culture, Literature and Film for Advanced Learners I
Taught by: Shams Esmaeili
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 321 Persian Culture, Literature and Film for Advanced Learners II
Taught by: Shams Esmaeili
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 415 Classical Persian Prose
This course is designed for those junior and senior students who are
eager to explore the major works of classical Persian prose. Students will
become familiar with the medieval Persia through an in-depth reading of
major mystical, historical and literary works of classical Persian prose.
Depending on the text under discussion, students will be introduced to the
socio-cultural context of Medieval Persia. Although no prerequisites
are required, this course is a perfect follow-up for NELC 216 "Persian
Poetry in Translation". Only basic knowledge of Persian language is
required for this course as all texts will be read and compared against
their English translation.
Taught by: Shams Esmaeili
One-term course offered either term
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

PERS 514 Intermediate Pashtu Part II
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Taught by: Santry
Two terms. student must enter first term.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through Penn Language Center. This is a two-semester
course.

PERS 611 Elementary Persian I
This course is designed to help you start learning Persian and to give
you the necessary tools to continue your study of Persian. This course
introduces the Persian alphabet alongside grammar and vocabulary.
Emphasis is placed on actively using the language for interpersonal,
interpreting, and presentational modes of communication. The four
language skills (i.e., listening, speaking, reading and writing) as well as
pronunciation and culture are integrated into the curriculum. There is no
prerequisite.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in spring term
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 612 Elementary Persian II
This course is designed to help you build upon what you have learned
in Elementary Persian I. Emphasis is placed on using the language for
interpersonal, interpreters, and presentational modes of communication.
Therefore use of English is restricted. Listening, speaking, reading, and
writing-as well as culture, vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation-
are integrated into the course. Students must either have successfully
completed PERS-611, or take the departmental exam.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: PERS 611
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 613 Intermediate Persian I
This course is conducted in Persian and designed to help you continue
expanding upon what you have learned in Elementary Persian II.
Emphasis is placed on using the language for interpersonal, interpreters, and presentational modes of communication.
Therefore use of English is restricted. Listening, speaking, reading, and
writing are integrated into the course, as are culture, grammar, vocabulary,
and pronunciation. Students must either have successfully completed
PERS-612 or take the departmental placement exam.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: PERS 612
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 614 Intermediate Persian II
For BA Students: Second Language Course
Taught by: Santry
Two terms. student must enter first term.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through Penn Language Center. This is a two-semester
course.
PERS 614 Intermediate Persian II
In this course, we will continue to address a broader variety of cultural topics in order to increase your proficiency in linguistic as well as cultural terms. Emphasis is place on actively using Persian for interpersonal, interpretive and presentational modes of communication. Therefore use of English is restricted. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing are integrated into the course, as are culture, grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Students must either have successfully completed PERS-613, or take the departmental placement exam.
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: PERS 613
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 615 Advanced Persian I
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Prerequisite: PERS 614
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 616 Advanced Persian II
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: PERS 615
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 617 Persian for Heritage Speakers I
An intensive, one-semester course designed to teach the reading and writing of standard Tehran Persian to those with a speaking knowledge of that language. In recent years there has been an increasing demand from Persian-speaking Iranian-American students for formal instruction in Persian. While many of these students have some degree of spoken fluency in Persian, they are often unable to read or write it. Their speaking ability makes it difficult to integrate them into first- or second-year classes of students who have started with no knowledge of Persian. If these Persian-speaking students could be brought to at least a second-year level of reading and writing, they could then be enrolled in more advanced courses in Persian where they would be more or less at the same level as other students. The course will focus on the lexical and syntactic differences between written and spoken Persian, and the problems of Persian spelling.
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisites: Fluency in spoken Persian.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 620 Persian Culture, Literature and Film for Advanced Learners I
Taught by: Shams Esmaeili
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 621 Persian Culture, Literature and Film for Advanced Learners II
Taught by: Shams Esmaeili
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit