PERSIAN (PERS)

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
Also Offered As: PERS 611
Activity: Lecture
1.0 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 placement exam.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in spring term
Also Offered As: PERS 612
Prerequisite: PERS 011 or equivalent
Activity: Lecture
1.0 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
Also Offered As: PERS 613
Prerequisite: PERS 012 or equivalent
Activity: Lecture
1.0 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 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-013, or take the departmental placement exam.
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in spring term
Also Offered As: PERS 614
Prerequisite: PERS 013 or equivalent
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

PERS 015 Advanced Persian I
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Also Offered As: PERS 615
Prerequisite: PERS 014 or PERS 018 or equivalent
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

PERS 016 Advanced Persian II
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Assefi-Shirazi
Course usually offered in spring term
Also Offered As: PERS 616
Prerequisite: PERS015 or equivalent
Activity: Lecture
1.0 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
Also Offered As: PERS 617
Prerequisites: Fluency in spoken Persian.
Activity: Lecture
1.0 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
1.0 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
1.0 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through the Penn Language Center.

PERS 040 Introduction to Sorani Kurdish
Introduction to Sorani Kurdish is an introductory-level course designed to help you start learning Sorani Kurdish and to give you the necessary tools to continue your study of Kurdish language. This course introduces the Kurdish alphabet (Arabic script) alongside grammar and vocabulary. Toward the end of the semester, the course will also involve some Kurdish classical and modern poetry. 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.
Taught by: Salih
Also Offered As: PERS 640
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

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
Also Offered As: SAST 405
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

PERS 112 Beginning Pashtu II
Reading, writing, basic grammar and elemental speaking.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Santry
Course usually offered in spring term
Also Offered As: SAST 406
Prerequisites: For second semester, completion of the first semester.
Activity: Seminar
1.0 Course Unit
Notes: This is a two-semester course.

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
Also Offered As: SAST 425
Prerequisites: Beg. Pashto, or permission by instructor.
Activity: Lecture
1.0 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
Also Offered As: PERS 514, SAST 426
Activity: Seminar
1.0 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
Also Offered As: PERS 620
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

PERS 514 Intermediate Pashtu Part II
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Taught by: Santry
Two terms. student must enter first term.
Also Offered As: PERS 114, SAST 426
Activity: Seminar
1.0 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, 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
Also Offered As: PERS 011
Activity: Lecture
1.0 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, 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-611, or take the departmental exam.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in spring term
Also Offered As: PERS 012
Prerequisite: PERS 611
Activity: Lecture
1.0 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 (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-612 or take the departmental placement exam.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in fall term
Also Offered As: PERS 013
Prerequisite: PERS 612
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

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
Also Offered As: PERS 014
Prerequisite: PERS 613
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

PERS 615 Advanced Persian I
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Also Offered As: PERS 015
Prerequisite: PERS 614
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

PERS 616 Advanced Persian II
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Also Offered As: PERS 016
Prerequisite: PERS 615
Activity: Lecture
1.0 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
Also Offered As: PERS 017
Prerequisites: Fluency in spoken Persian.
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

PERS 620 Persian Culture, Literature and Film for Advanced Learners I
Taught by: Shams Esmaeili
Also Offered As: PERS 320
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

PERS 640 Introduction to Sorani Kurdish
Introduction to Sorani Kurdish is an introductory-level course designed to help you start learning Sorani Kurdish and to give you the necessary tools to continue your study of Kurdish language. This course introduces the Kurdish alphabet (Arabic script) alongside grammar and vocabulary. Toward the end of the semester, the course will also involve some Kurdish classical and modern poetry. 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.
Also Offered As: PERS 040
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit