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 exam.

For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in spring term
Also Offered As: PERS 612
Prerequisite: PERS 011
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
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 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 PERS 017, 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 PERS 017
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
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: PERS 015
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

PERS 017 Persian for Heritage Speakers
This course is designed to help you strengthen your skills by learning not only to read and write, but also to engage in more complex forms of discourse in Persian. In this course, we will begin to address a variety of 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, English is restricted. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing are integrated into the course, as are culture, grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Students must be proficient in spoken Persian (whether Farsi or Dari), and lack reading and writing skills.

Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in fall term
Also Offered As: PERS 617
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. Prerequisite: Offered through the Penn Language Center.
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: PERS 017
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit
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. Prerequisite: Offered through the Penn Language Center.
Taught by: Assefi-Shirazi
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: PERS 016
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 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 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 011
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 I (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 012
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 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 613 or PERS 617, 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 013 or PERS 017
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 OR PERS 018
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
This course is conducted in Persian and designed to help you strengthen your skills by learning not only to read and write, but also to engage in more complex forms of discourse in Persian. In this course, we will begin to address a variety of 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, English is restricted. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing are integrated into the course, as are culture, grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Students must be proficient in spoken Persian (whether Farsi or Dari), and lack reading and writing skills.
Taught by: Entezari
One-term course offered either term
Also Offered As: PERS 017
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