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 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
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
Also Offered As: PERS 613
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 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
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 015 Advanced Persian I
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Also Offered As: PERS 615
Prerequisites: For the second semester: completion of the first semester or permission of the instructor; PERS 013 or PERS 017 or permission of the instructor.
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
Also Offered As: PERS 616
Prerequisite: PERS015 or permission of the instructor
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 017 Persian for Heritage Speakers I
An intensive 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.
Taught by: Assefi-Shirazi
One-term course offered either term
Also Offered As: PERS 617
Prerequisites: Fluency in spoken Persian.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
PERS 018 Persian for Heritage Speakers II
This course is designed for Persian speakers who cannot easily read or write. Students begin by learning alphabet and reading simple texts in first semester, and advanced by the end of the second semester to reading intermediate texts, and writing letters and simple compositions. Students are expected to come to the class with the assigned text prepared (30%), general exams (mid-term and final), 50% attendance and participation in the class (20%).
One-term course offered either term.
Prerequisites: Pers 017 or the equivalent or permission of the instructor.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through the Penn Language Center

PERS 019 Advanced Persian in the Media
Taught by: Assefi-Shirazi
Course usually offered in spring term
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
Also Offered As: PERS 511, SAST 405
Activity: Lecture
1 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: PERS 512, SAST 406
Prerequisites: For second semester, completion of the first semester.
Activity: Seminar
1 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: PERS 513, SAST 425
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
Also Offered As: PERS 514, SAST 426
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through Penn Language Center. This is a two-semester course.

PERS 115 Advanced Pashtu I
Modern literary short stories. BBC news broadcasts for listening comprehension and discussion.
Taught by: Santry
Course usually offered in fall term
Also Offered As: PERS 515
Prerequisites: Beg. And Int. Pashto required
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through the Penn Language Center

PERS 116 Advanced Pashtu II
Pashto dialects, using recordings from different regions. BBC broadcasts for listening comprehension and discussion.
Taught by: Santry
Course usually offered in spring term
Also Offered As: PERS 516, SAST 445
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through Penn Language Center.

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".
Taught by: Shams Esmaeili
One-term course offered either term
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

PERS 511 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: PERS 111, SAST 405
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through the Penn Language Center

PERS 512 Beginning Pashtu Part II
Reading, writing, basic grammar and elemental speaking.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Santry
Two terms. student must enter first term.
Also Offered As: PERS 112, SAST 406
Prerequisites: For second semester, completion of the first semester.
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through Penn Language Center. This is a two-semester course.
PERS 513 Intermediate Pashtu I
A wide variety of reading genres, writing, and oral expression.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Santry
Two terms. student must enter first term.
Also Offered As: PERS 113
Prerequisites: Beg. Pashtu, or permission by instructor.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through the Penn Language Center

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 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through Penn Language Center. This is a two-semester course.

PERS 515 Advanced Pashtu I
Taught by: Santry
Two terms. student must enter first term.
Also Offered As: PERS 115
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through the Penn Language Center

PERS 516 Advanced Pashtu II
Taught by: Santry
Two terms. student must enter first term.
Also Offered As: PERS 116
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
Notes: Offered through Penn Language Center.

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 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
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 (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: Last Language Course
Taught by: Entezari
Course usually offered in spring term
Also Offered As: PERS 013
Prerequisite: For the second semester: Completion of the first semester or permission of the instructor
Activity: Lecture
1 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 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
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 615 Advanced Persian I
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Also Offered As: PERS 015
Prerequisites: For the second semester: completion of the first semester or permission of the instructor; PERS 013 or PERS 017 or permission of the instructor.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
PERS 616 Advanced Persian II
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Also Offered As: PERS 016
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

PERS 617 Persian Reading and Writing for Fluent Speakers
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 Course Unit