

# MIDDLE EASTERN LANGUAGES & CULTURES: PERSIAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE, BA

Persian Language and Literature focuses on the language and culture of Iran from the premodern to the modern periods as well as in the context of Islamic Civilization. Because of the interdependence of language and culture, a primary emphasis is on gaining mastery of Persian, alongside coursework in history, religion, and culture.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 34. Double majors may entail more course units.

**For more information:** <https://nelc.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/major> (<https://nelc.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/major/>)

## Curriculum

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>College General Education Requirements and Free Electives</b>		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors <sup>1</sup> + Free Electives		20
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<i>Language Requirement</i>		
Select 6 course units of Language Requirement <sup>2</sup>		6
<i>Breadth Requirement</i>		
MELC 0001/ ANCH 0100/ HIST 0730	Introduction to the Ancient Middle East	1
MELC 0002	Introduction to the Middle East	1
<i>Concentration Requirements</i> <sup>3</sup>		
Select 5 course units in Concentration Requirement		5
Concentration Paper		1
<b>Total Course Units</b>		<b>34</b>

<sup>1</sup> You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement.

<sup>2</sup> This requirement must be fulfilled in Persian.

<sup>3</sup> May focus on either Medieval or Modern Periods, to be chosen in consultation with the major advisor. Minimum of one course each in History, Literature (original language or in translation) and Religion.

## Honors

**Requirements:** A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.5 in major related courses.

Code	Title	Course Units
MELC 4999	Independent Study	1
MELC 4995	Senior Conference	1

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.