

PERSIAN STUDIES MINOR

School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

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This 15-credit minor (5 courses, excluding prerequisites) will provide students with a background in linguistic, literary, and cultural aspects of the study of Persian, including the cultures of Iran, Afghanistan, Persian-speaking Central Asia, and the Persian diaspora. Students will work toward linguistic competence in speaking, reading, writing, and listening. Additionally, students will be introduced to Iranian culture in its diverse perspectives, practices, and products. The Minor in Persian Studies complements a range of professions, which include careers in education, engineering, government, journalism, the arts, business, and communication.

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Requirements

- A minimum of 9 credits must be earned through courses taught in Persian.
- Up to 6 may be earned from PERS courses taught in English.
- A minimum of 9 credits must be at the 3xx or 4xx level.
- All courses presented for the minor must be passed with a grade of "C-" or better.
- An overall GPA of 2.0 in the minor is required for graduation.
- A maximum of 6 credits may be applied to the minor from courses taken at other institutions.

No courses applied to the minor may count toward another minor.

Prerequisites

Course	Title	Credits
PERS101	Elementary Persian I	
PERS102	Elementary Persian II	
PERS201	Intermediate Persian I	
PERS211	Intermediate Conversation	

There are no prerequisites for students with equivalent knowledge.

Course	Title	Credits
Courses Taught in Persian		
Select at least nine credits: ¹		9
PERS202	Intermediate Persian II	
PERS301	Advanced Persian I	
PERS302	Advanced Persian II	
PERS311	Persian Media	
PERS312	Contemporary Iranian Culture	
PERS401		
PERS402	Persian Translation	
PERS452		
PERS498	Special Topics in Persian Studies	

Persian Studies Courses Taught in English

Select up to 6 credits of the following: ²		6
PERS251	Modern Iran	
PERS252	Gender and Body in Iran	
PERS283	Iranian Cinema	
PERS353		
PERS371	Introduction to Persian Literature in Translation	
PERS398	Special Topics in Persian Studies	

Total Credits 15

¹ All prerequisites imply "or equivalent knowledge."

² No prerequisites

Advising

All students planning to pursue the minor in Persian Studies should contact the undergraduate advisor for Persian, who will be responsible for oversight and record keeping.