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.

To make an appointment to explore or declare a minor, go to www.arhu.umd.edu/undergraduate/academics/minors

### 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

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There are no prerequisites for students with equivalent knowledge.

### Courses Taught in Persian

Select at least nine credits:  
- PERS202 Intermediate Persian II
- PERS301 Advanced Persian I
- PERS302 Advanced Persian II
- PERS311 Persian Media
- PERS312 Contemporary Iranian Culture
- PERS401 Persian Composition
- PERS402 Persian Translation
- PERS452 Modern Persian Literature: A Survey
- PERS498 Special Topics in Persian Studies

### Persian Studies Courses Taught in English

Select up to 6 credits of the following:  
- PERS251 Modern Iran
- PERS252 Gender and Body in Iran

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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.