Roshan Institute for Persian Studies at the University of Maryland aspires to be the premier center for the learning, understanding, and appreciation of Persian culture in the United States. Toward this end, the Institute seeks to provide outstanding course offerings and programs in Persian language, literature, history, and culture; to foster communication and community ties among people of Persian heritage and those interested in Persian studies; and to serve as a model for encouraging intercultural communication among peoples of varying backgrounds. In pursuit of these goals, the institute offers a major and a minor in Persian Studies.

**PROGRAMS**

**Major**

- Persian Studies Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/languages-literatures-cultures/persian-studies/persian-studies-major/)

**Minor**

- Persian Studies Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/languages-literatures-cultures/persian-studies/persian-studies-minor/)

**Persian Flagship**

- UMD Persian Flagship (https://slhc.umd.edu/special-programs/arabic-persian/persian-flagship/)

**ADVISING**

**Advisor:** Dr. Ali Abasi, aabasi@umd.edu

To review the academic plan for this major, go to: http://arhu.umd.edu/academicsadvising/academic-plans/.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Persian Flagship**

The Persian Flagship enables students of any major to reach a professional level of Persian and advanced intercultural competence by graduation. It consists of a language and culture coursework and co-curricular program at UMD, and a year-long simulated immersion capstone component on campus at the end, leading to Flagship certification. Visit the UMD Persian Flagship website (https://slhc.umd.edu/special-programs/arabic-persian/persian-flagship/) to learn more.

**Undergraduate Research Experiences**

The School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures has implemented an Annual SLLC Undergraduate Research Forum which allows its outstanding juniors and/or seniors to display their research projects. The forum takes place in late April in the Language House (St. Mary’s).

**Internships**

Each fall semester, SLLC organizes a Language Career and Internship Fair in conjunction with the UMD Career Center. For more information, see the SLLC website: http://slhc.umd.edu.

**Scholarships and Financial Assistance**

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) administers a variety of federal, state, and institutional financial assistance programs, and, in cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For information, visit: http://financialaid.umd.edu.

**Awards and Recognition**

The UG Committee organizes an annual awards ceremony to celebrate SLLC students who have earned SLLC, campus and/or national scholarships, and academic achievement awards. The awards ceremony takes place in conjunction with the annual SLLC UG Research Forum.