

PERSIAN (PERSN)

PERSN 1320 - Elementary Persian-Farsi I (4 Credits)

Intended for beginners and heritage speakers alike, this course is a quick and easy way to a popular worldly language in a modern day context (Farsi)! Students develop all four skills - speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Additional materials from authentic culture-focused readings and Persian poetry are an integral part of the curriculum. By the end of this course students will be able to actively participate in conversations centered around family and friends, hometown, country, studies and work, daily activities, modern Iran as well as write extensively on familiar topics. Students will acquire cultural competence and be able to function in authentic Persian cultural context using the taarof.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (CU-ITL); (EULANG, SALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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PERSN 1321 - Elementary Persian-Farsi II (4 Credits)

Intended for beginners and heritage speakers alike, this course is a quick and easy way to a popular worldly language in a modern day context (Farsi)! Students develop all four skills - speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Additional materials from authentic culture-focused readings and Persian poetry are an integral part of the curriculum. By the end of this course students will be able to actively participate in conversations centered around family and friends, hometown, country, studies and work, daily activities, modern Iran as well as write extensively on familiar topics. Students will acquire cultural competence and be able to function in authentic Persian cultural context using the taarof.

Prerequisites: PERSN 1320 or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (CU-ITL); (EULANG, SALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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PERSN 1322 - Intermediate Persian-Farsi I (3 Credits)

The course is designed with strong integration of modern colloquial Persian (Farsi). Only colloquial Persian is used for all speaking and listening activities, while reading and writing tasks are performed in formal Persian. Authentic material drawn from Persian language TV, radio and movies is introduced regularly in accordance with the topic and vocabulary of given week. By the end of the semester students will be able to speak, read and comprehend material on a range of social, cultural, political and everyday topics. You'll learn how to write emails and notes as educated Persian speakers, read Persian newspapers and comprehend audio material intended for native speakers. We'll also delve into Persian folk tales, modern Persian rap and pop and Persian humor.

Prerequisites: one year (two semesters) elementary Persian, equivalent proficiency (including heritage speakers), or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (ALC-AS), (FL-AG), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (CU-ITL); (EULANG, SALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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PERSN 2322 - Intermediate Persian-Farsi Through Media and Film (3 Credits)

The course is designed with strong integration of modern colloquial Persian (Farsi). Only colloquial Persian is used for all speaking and listening activities, while reading and writing tasks are performed in formal Persian. Authentic material drawn from Persian language TV, radio and movies is introduced regularly in accordance with the topic and vocabulary of given week. By the end of the semester students will be able to speak, read and comprehend material on a range of social, cultural, political and everyday topics. You'll learn how to write emails and notes as educated Persian speakers, read Persian newspapers and comprehend audio material intended for native speakers. We'll also delve into Persian folk tales, modern Persian rap and pop and Persian humor.

Prerequisites: one year (two semesters) elementary Persian, or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (ALC-AS, FLOPI-AS), (FL-AG), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (CU-ITL); (EULANG, SALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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PERSN 5509 - Graduate Studies in Persian (3-4 Credits)

Topics vary by semester in relation to student needs.

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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PERSN 5510 - Graduate Studies in Persian (3-4 Credits)

Topics vary by semester in relation to student needs.

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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