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Persian (PRS)

PRS 101: Elementary Persian I (5 units)

Description: Conversation, reading, and composition in modern Persian.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Discussion May Be Offered
Lecture Required

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

PRS 102: Elementary Persian II (5 units)

Description: Conversation, reading, and composition in modern Persian.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Discussion May Be Offered
Lecture Required

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

Recommendations and additional information: PRS 101.

PRS 199: Independent Study (1 - 3 units)

Description: Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work.

Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Independent Study Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.

Course typically offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1 and 2

PRS 299: Independent Study (1 - 4 units)

Description: Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work.

Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Independent Study Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

-SA represents a Student Abroad & Student Exchange offering

-CC represents a Correspondence Course offering

May Be Offered Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.

PRS 399: Independent Study (1 - 3 units)

Description: Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work.

Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Independent Study Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

PRS 401: Intermediate Persian I (5 units)

Description: Conversation in the dialect of contemporary Iran; extensive readings in classical and modern literature.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Lecture Required

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

Recommendations and additional information: PRS 102.

PRS 402: Intermediate Persian II (5 units)

Description: Conversation in the dialect of contemporary Iran; extensive readings in classical and modern literature.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Lecture Required

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

Recommendations and additional information: PRS 401.

PRS 403: Advanced Persian I (3 units)

Description: Readings in Persian, with the objective of preparing the student for independent research.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Lecture Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated for a maximum of 8 units.

Co-convened with: PRS 503

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

Recommendations and additional information: PRS 402.

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-CC represents a Correspondence Course offering

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PRS 404: Advanced Persian II (3 units)

Description: Readings in Persian, with the objective of preparing the student for independent research.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Lecture Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 2 times.

Co-convened with: PRS 504

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

Recommendations and additional information: PRS 403.

PRS 407: 4th Year Persian I (3 units)

Description: This course offers advanced students the opportunity to study authentic professional, academic, technical, and creative texts. It will help them develop superior level proficiency by improving their vocabulary, reading ability, writing skills, and knowledge of the nuances of the language. Reading skills will be acquired through the use of authentic texts and media. Listening skills will be acquired through discussions and exposure to news broadcasts, interviews, songs, and audio-visual materials. Writing skills will be improved through writing assignments followed by feedback from the instructor and fellow students. Superior speaking skills will be practiced in class discussions, group activities, presentations, and through the simulation of cultural and linguistic contexts.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Lecture Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 2 times.

Co-convened with: PRS 507

Course typically offered: Fall

Recommendations and additional information: PRS 404 or consent of the instructor.

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May Be Offered Departments may offer this component in some semesters. See the Schedule of Classes for term-specific offerings.

PRS 408: 4th Year Persian II (3 units)

Description: This course is the continuation of PRS 407/507, and it offers advanced students a chance to delve into the study of authentic professional, academic, technical, and creative texts. It will help them develop superior level proficiency by improving their vocabulary, reading ability, writing skills, and their knowledge of the nuances of the language. Reading skills will be acquired through the use of authentic texts and media. Listening skills will be acquired through discussions and exposure to news broadcasts, interviews, songs, and audio-visual materials. Writing skills will be improved through writing assignments followed by feedback from the instructor and fellow students. And superior speaking skills will be practiced in class discussions, group activities, presentations, and through the simulation of cultural and linguistic contexts.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Lecture Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 2 times.

Co-convened with: PRS 508

Course typically offered: Spring

Recommendations and additional information: PRS 407 or consent of instructor.

PRS 471: Iranian Cinema, Gender Issues, and Social Change (3 units)

Description: Iran has been lauded as one of the great exporters of cinema during the last two decades. During this time, Iranian films have won countless international awards and enjoyed great reviews. Through the analysis of movies, the history of Iranian cinema, cinematic criticism, and historical texts, this course helps students understand the process of social change in that society and the ways such changes influence the production of art. Students watch a variety of movies and read analytical and theoretical writings on cinema all placed in their social and historical contexts. Particular attention will be paid to issues such as gender, modernization, nationalism, class struggle, and ideological enunciations. The course will try to conceptualize past cinematic movements in order to understand how Iranian cinema has gained its current status. Assignments include weekly reports on the movies and readings, class participation, and a term paper.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Lecture Required

Also offered as: GWS 471, MENA 471

Co-convened with: PRS 571

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

Home department: School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies

Writing Emphasis: Writing Emphasis Course

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PRS 496A: Topics in Classical and Ancient Persian Literature and Culture (3 units)

Description: Topics vary, including Classical Persian Literature in English Translation; Classical Persian Literature in the Original Language; Medieval Cultural and Political History of Persia; and Ancient Persian Language, Literature and Culture. Focus on student-faculty discussion/interaction and exchange of scholarly information, students engage in research activities and exchange results through discussion, reports, and/or papers.

Grading basis: Alternative Grades

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Seminar Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 5 times.

Co-convened with: PRS 596A

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

Honors Course: Honors Contract

PRS 496B: Topics in Modern Persian Literature and Iranian Culture (3 units)

Description: Various topics including Modern Persian Literature in English Translation; Modern Persian Literature in the Original Language; Contemporary Cultural and Political History of Iran, Ideology and Revolution in Iran, and Women and Gender Issues in Contemporary Iran. Exchange of scholarly information, research by course registrants, exchange results through discussion, reports, and/or papers.

Grading basis: Alternative Grades

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Seminar Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 5 times.

Co-convened with: PRS 596B

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

Honors Course: Honors Contract

PRS 498: Senior Capstone (1 - 3 units)

Description: A culminating experience for majors involving a substantive project that demonstrates a synthesis of learning accumulated in the major, including broadly comprehensive knowledge of the discipline and its methodologies. Senior standing required.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Independent Study Required

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

PRS 499: Independent Study (1 - 6 units)

Description: Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work.

Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F

Career: Undergraduate

Course Components: Independent Study Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

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PRS 503: Advanced Persian I (3 units)

Description: Readings in Persian, with the objective of preparing the student for independent research. Graduate-level requirements include additional readings and translations.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Graduate

Course Components: Lecture Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated for a maximum of 8 units.

Co-convened with: PRS 403

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

PRS 504: Advanced Persian II (3 units)

Description: Readings in Persian, with the objective of preparing the student for independent research. Graduate-level requirements include additional readings and translations.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Graduate

Course Components: Lecture Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 2 times.

Co-convened with: PRS 404

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

PRS 507: 4th Year Persian I (3 units)

Description: This course offers advanced students the opportunity to study authentic professional, academic, technical, and creative texts. It will help them develop superior level proficiency by improving their vocabulary, reading ability, writing skills, and knowledge of the nuances of the language. Reading skills will be acquired through the use of authentic texts and media. Listening skills will be acquired through discussions and exposure to news broadcasts, interviews, songs, and audio-visual materials. Writing skills will be improved through writing assignments followed by feedback from the instructor and fellow students. Superior speaking skills will be practiced in class discussions, group activities, presentations, and through the simulation of cultural and linguistic contexts. Graduate-level requirements includes translation and incorporation of primary sources use in the course in research projects (25%).

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Graduate

Course Components: Lecture Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 2 times.

Course typically offered: Fall

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PRS 508: 4th Year Persian II (3 units)

Description: Graduate-level requirements includes translation and incorporation of primary sources use in the course in research projects (25%).

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Graduate

Course Components: Lecture Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 2 times.

Co-convened with: PRS 408

Course typically offered: Spring

Recommendations and additional information: PRS 507 or consent of instructor.

PRS 571: Iranian Cinema, Gender Issues, and Social Change (3 units)

Description: Iran has been lauded as one of the great exporters of cinema during the last two decades. During this time, Iranian films have won countless international awards and enjoyed great reviews. Through the analysis of movies, the history of Iranian cinema, cinematic criticism, and historical texts, this course helps students understand the process of social change in that society and the ways such changes influence the production of art. Students watch a variety of movies and read analytical and theoretical writings on cinema all placed in their social and historical contexts. Particular attention will be paid to issues such as gender, modernization, nationalism, class struggle, and ideological enunciations. The course will try to conceptualize past cinematic movements in order to understand how Iranian cinema has gained its current status. Assignments include weekly reports on the movies and readings, class participation, and a term paper. Graduate Students are encouraged to give a short presentation (10 to 20 minutes), preferably on the topic of their paper. Graduate students must also write a 17-20 page research paper.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Graduate

Course Components: Lecture Required

Also offered as: GWS 571, MENA 571

Co-convened with: PRS 471

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

Home department: School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies

Writing Emphasis: Writing Emphasis Course

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PRS 596A: Topics in Classical and Ancient Persian Literature and Culture (3 units)

Description: Topics vary, including Classical Persian Literature in English Translation; Classical Persian Literature in the Original Language; Medieval Cultural and Political History of Persia; and Ancient Persian Language, Literature and Culture. Focus on student-faculty discussion/interaction and exchange of scholarly information, students engage in research activities and exchange results through discussion, reports, and/or papers. Graduate-level requirements include a class presentation.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Graduate

Course Components: Seminar Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 5 times.

Co-convened with: PRS 496A

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

PRS 596B: Topics in Modern Persian Literature and Iranian Culture (3 units)

Description: Various topics including Modern Persian Literature in English Translation; Modern Persian Literature in the Original Language; Contemporary Cultural and Political History of Iran, Ideology and Revolution in Iran, and Women and Gender Issues in Contemporary Iran. Exchange of scholarly information, research by course registrants, exchange results through discussion, reports, and/or papers. Graduate-level requirements include a longer paper.

Grading basis: Regular Grades

Career: Graduate

Course Components: Seminar Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 5 times.

Co-convened with: PRS 496B

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

PRS 599: Independent Study (1 - 6 units)

Description: Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work. Graduate students doing independent work which cannot be classified as actual research will register for credit under course number 599, 699, or 799.

Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F

Career: Graduate

Course Components: Independent Study Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

PRS 699: Independent Study (1 - 3 units)

Description: Qualified students working on an individual basis with professors who have agreed to supervise such work. Graduate students doing independent work which cannot be classified as actual research will register for credit under course number 599, 699, or 799

Grading basis: Alternative Grading: S, P, F

Career: Graduate

Course Components: Independent Study Required

Repeatable: Course can be repeated a maximum of 99 times.

Course typically offered: Fall and Spring

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