

PERS 101: Beginning Modern Persian I

MTWF 3:30-4:20 Moore 224

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Course Description:

The first semester of first year Persian: 'Beginning Modern Persian I' provides you with basic vocabulary and grammar structures in order to communicate in oral and written Persian. Classroom activities will include the integration of the four skills of language: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. These language activities will include role playing, dialogues, songs, flash cards, language CDs, etc. Moreover, you will have a general understanding of Persian culture, traditions, and customs. In addition to four hours of class work, there will be a weekly language lab assignment to reinforce your language skills and broaden your cultural understanding.

There will be five writing assignments that will correspond to the topics presented weekly. Based on one of the topics introduced, you will write a one-page assignment (approximately 300 words) which will be evaluated on the content of the paper and the proficiency of the appropriate use of Persian terms and phrases.

Student Learning Objectives:

Upon successful completion of Persian 101: Beginning Modern Persian I, the student should be able to:

- Comprehend simple written and spoken sentences in Persian.
- Demonstrate vocabulary consisting of approximately 600 concrete and abstract words and expressions.
- Demonstrate listening comprehension of sentences and phrases in a variety of common situations such as greetings, self-introductions, and directions
- Demonstrate ability to write by composing sentences or short passages related to class readings
- Participate in conversations using the concrete and abstract vocabulary and grammatical structures.
- Write simple sentences using concrete and abstract vocabulary and grammatical structures.
- Read simple sentences consisting of concrete and abstract vocabulary and grammatical structures.
- Give an oral or written explanation in English of some aspects of language, culture, traditions, and customs presented during the semester.

Course textbooks and materials:

Brookshaw, D. & Shabani-Jadidi, P. (2010) The Routledge Introductory Persian Course: Farsi Shirin Ast 1. Routledge. Available at University of Hawaii Manoa Bookstore

Companion Website: www.routledge.com/books/Introductory-Persian-Course

Online Dictionaries: <http://dsal.uchicago.edu/dictionaires/steingass/>
<http://farsilookup.com/>
<http://www.aryanpour.com/>
<http://farsidic.com/>
<http://www.math.columbia.edu/~safari/masood/cgi-bin/>
<http://www.loghatnaameh.org/>
<http://dsal.uchicago.edu/dictionaries/hayyim/>
<http://dictionary-farsi.com/>

Evaluation:

Class participation and attendance:	10%
Five Assignments:	10%
Quizzes:	30%
Mid-Term Exam:	20%
Final Exam:	30%
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Total	100%

Course Requirements:

- Active participation and attendance are required.
- It is important to meet the deadlines, so late assignments will not be accepted.
- There will be six quizzes, a mid-term, and a final exam.
- There will be five written class assignments summarizing language and cultural lessons covered in the semester. These assignments will be explained in class.

Weekly Schedule:

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Lessons</i>	<i>Topics</i>	<i>Quizzes, Exams, and Assignments</i>
Week 1	Lesson 1	The Persian alphabet	
Week 2	Lesson 1	The Persian alphabet	Assignment 1
Week 3	Lesson 2	Introduce yourself. Where are you from?	
Week 4	Lesson 2	Introduce yourself. Where are you from?	Quiz 1: Lessons 1-2
Week 5	Lesson 3	Is Iran or Canada larger?	Assignment 2
Week 6	Lesson 3	Is Iran or Canada larger?	Quiz 2: Lessons 1-3
Week 7	Lesson 4	How many provinces does Iran have?	Assignment 3
Week 8	Lesson 4	How many provinces does Iran have?	Mid-Term Exam: Lessons 1-4
Week 9	Lesson 5	What do you know about Noruz?	
Week 10	Lesson 5	What do you know about Noruz?	Quiz 3: Lesson 5
Week 11	Lesson 6	What day is the weekend in Iran?	Assignment 4
Week 12	Lesson 6	What day is the weekend in Iran?	Quiz 4: Lessons 5-6
Week 13	Lesson 7	What is your favourite sport?	Assignment 5
Week 14	Lesson 7	What is your favourite sport?	Quiz 5: Lesson 5-7
Week 15	Lesson 8	Do you haggle?	