

PERS 201: Intermediate Modern Persian I

MTWF Moore 224

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Course Description:

The first semester of Intermediate Persian: 'Intermediate Modern Persian I' continues to provide you with transition from the beginning Persian level to a higher level of language proficiency. This course emphasizes a variety of authentic materials, such as poetry, short stories, media, and conversations. Different topics will be introduced weekly, and there will be different activities following each topic to practice the new introduced structure and vocabulary. These activities will include language games, role playing, daily conversation, small group work, and fill-in-the-blank activities. Also, different genres of media will be discussed and language structure and vocabulary activities will be practiced in these areas. Moreover, this course focuses on the close relationship of the Persian literature and language. Consequently, a short modern passage of literary prose will be introduced weekly. In addition, classical and modern Persian poetry will be discussed.

There will be eight 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 Persian language.

Students are also required to read a book of modern literary Persian prose and write a paper of 5-7 pages on the literary work and the writer. First, you will present your topic for approval and then prepare a draft paper by mid-semester for instructor and peer review. At the end of the semester you will present your paper to the class. Your presentation and paper will be evaluated on the content of the topic and the proficiency of the Persian language.

Student Learning Objectives:

Upon successful completion of Persian 201: Intermediate Modern Persian I, the student should be able to:

- Use intermediate level morphological aspects of the Persian language in written and oral forms properly.
- Link ideas and structures of the language appropriately.
- Differentiate the complexities of semantic characteristics.
- Use different intermediate syntactic structures accurately in different contexts.
- Translate and comprehend authentic materials presented in class.
- Read and comprehend samples of classical and modern poetry as well as modern literary prose.
- Give an oral or written explanation in Persian and English of different aspects of poetry, language, and culture discussed in class.

Course textbooks and materials:

Brookshaw, D. & Shabani-Jadidi, P. (2012). *The Routledge Intermediate Persian Course: Farsi Shirin Ast 2*. Routledge. Taylor & Francis Group. London & New York.
Available at University of Hawaii Manoa Bookstore

Companion Website: www.routledge.com/books/Intermediate-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:	8%
Eight Writing Assignments:	8%
Quizzes:	14%
Final Oral Presentation:	10%
Final Paper	10%
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 seven quizzes, a mid-term, and a final exam.
- There will be eight writing assignments.
- There will be an oral presentation and a final paper on a modern literary work.

Weekly Schedule:

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Lessons</i>	<i>Topics</i>	<i>Quizzes, Exams, and Assignments</i>
Week 1	Lesson 1	Which sport are you interested in?	Writing Assignment 1
Week 2	Lesson 1	Which sport are you interested in?	Quiz 1: Lessons 1-2
Week 3	Lesson 2	Which issues normally cause divorce?	Writing Assignment 2
Week 4	Lesson 2	Which issues normally cause divorce?	Quiz 2: Lessons 1-4
Week 5	Lesson 3	What do you know about Iran's ancient sites?	Writing Assignment 3
Week 6	Lesson 3	What do you know about Iran's ancient sites?	Quiz 3: Lessons 1-6
Week 7	Lesson 4	What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in the capital?	Writing Assignment 4
Week 8	Lesson 4	What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in the capital?	Mid-Term Exam: Lessons 1-8
Week 9	Lesson 5	Which do you prefer: poetry or prose?	Writing Assignment 5
Week 10	Lesson 5	Which do you prefer: poetry or prose?	Quiz 4: Lessons 9-10

Week 11	Lesson 6	What are the pros and cons of travelling by train?	Writing Assignment 6
Week 12	Lesson 6	What are the pros and cons of travelling by train?	Quiz 5: Lessons 9-12
Week 13	Lesson 7	What do you do to protect the environment?	Writing Assignment 7
Week 14	Lesson 7	What do you do to protect the environment?	Quiz 6: Lessons 9-14
Week 15	Lesson 8	What do commercial centres look like in your country?	-Writing Assignment 8 -Oral Presentation -Paper due
Week 16	Lessons 8	What do commercial centres look like in your country?	-Quiz 7: Lessons 9-15 -Oral Presentation