

# PERSIAN STUDIES MINOR

School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

<http://slc.umd.edu/persian/>

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The minor in Persian Studies (21 credits) initiates students into the linguistic, literary, and cultural aspects of the study of Persian, including the cultures of Iran, Afghanistan, Persian-speaking Central Asia, and the Persian diaspora. Students attain a solid grounding in Persian and gain an in-depth understanding of the Persian culture in its diverse perspectives, practices, and products through courses offered in English.

Students interested in pursuing the minor in Persian should contact the Undergraduate Advisor. Students should declare the minor in Persian at least one year prior to graduation.

To make an appointment to explore or declare a minor, go to <http://arhu.umd.edu/academics/undergraduate-studies/minors/>.

## REQUIREMENTS

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Core Language Sequence (12 credits)</b>		
PERS103	Beginning Persian I (Beginning Persian I)	3
PERS104	Beginning Persian II (Beginning Persian II)	3
PERS201	Intermediate Persian I	3
PERS202	Intermediate Persian II	3
<b>Electives (Choose 9 credits)</b>		
PERS353	Iranian Life in Literature and Film	
PERS371	Introduction to Persian Literature in Translation	
PERS385	Theatre and Dance in Iran and Afghanistan	
PERS498	Special Topics in Persian Studies	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

- No prerequisites are required for students with equivalent knowledge. Placement assessment is mandatory. (<https://arhu.umd.edu/academics/foreign-language-placement/online-flpa>)
- Once credits have been received for a higher-level language focus course, a lower-level course may not be taken for credit (For example, PERS201 may not be taken after PERS202).
- Up to 6 approved credits transferred from other institutions can count toward language requirements for the minor (see <https://registrar.umd.edu/transfer-credit>).
- Students placing out of language courses due to prior proficiency must complete substitute courses in consultation with the Undergraduate Advisor.
- Electives may be substituted in consultation with the Undergraduate Advisor.
- Courses may not be used to fulfill the requirements of two minors.
- At least 9 credits must be taken at the upper-level (courses numbered 300 or above).
- All courses presented for the minor must be passed with a grade of "C-" or better.
- An overall GPA of 2.0 in the minor is required for graduation.

## ADVISING

All students planning to pursue the minor in Persian Studies should contact the undergraduate advisor for Persian (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/languages-literatures-cultures/persian-studies/#advisingtext>), who will be responsible for oversight and record keeping.