

PERSIAN MINOR

Persian, the official language of Iran, is an important language of the Middle East and Central Asia, spoken by approximately 70 million native speakers and roughly 110 million people worldwide. The Persian studies minor offers a diverse array of courses on language, literature, culture, history, and religions of the geographical area where Persian has historically been the dominant language or a major cultural force. This region encompasses Iran, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, the Caucasus, Central Asia, the Indian subcontinent, and parts of the former Ottoman Empire.

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC-Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/>).

The undergraduate minor in Persian consists of four courses. Students may complete either two language courses and two culture courses, or three language courses and one culture course.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
Two language courses beyond PRSN 203 (the first semester of intermediate Persian), chosen from:		6
PRSN 204	Intermediate Persian II	
PRSN 305	Persian Short Stories	
PRSN 306	Persian Language through Literature, Film, and Media	
One course chosen from among the following:		3
ASIA/PWAD 69	First-Year Seminar: Wars and Veterans: Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan	
HIST 74	First-Year Seminar: Emperors, Courts, and Consumption: The Mughals of India	
ASIA 124	Iranian Post-1979 Cinema	
ASIA 126	Introduction to Persian Literature	
ASIA/WGST 127	Iranian Women Writers	
ASIA/HIST 135	History of the Indian Subcontinent to 1750	
ASIA/HIST 138	History of Muslim Societies to 1500	
ASIA/HIST 139	History of Muslim Societies since 1500	
HIST 163	Modern Central Asia ^H	
ASIA/RELI 180	Introduction to Islamic Civilization	
ASIA/RELI 181	Modern Muslim Societies	
ASIA/CMPL 256	Love in Classical Persian Poetry	
ASIA/CMPL 258	Iranian Prison Literature	

ASIA/HIST 276	The Modern Middle East	
ASIA/WGST 329	Middle East Women Writers	
ASIA/CMPL 359	Literary Diasporas of the Middle East	
SOCI 419	Sociology of the Islamic World	
ASIA 431	Persian Sufi Literature	
ASIA/PWAD 435	The Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa	
ASIA/CMPL 442	Postcolonial Literature of the Middle East	
ASIA/GEOG/WGST 447	Gender, Space, and Place in the Middle East	
ASIA/WGST 471	Gender and Sexuality in Middle Eastern Literature	
RELI 480	Modern Muslim Literatures	
ASIA/HIST 536	Revolution in the Modern Middle East	
ASIA/HIST/WGST 537	Women in the Middle East	
ASIA/HIST 538	The Middle East and the West	
ASIA/RELI 581	Sufism	
ASIA/RELI 582	Islam and Islamic Art in South Asia	
ASIA/RELI 583	Religion and Culture in Iran, 1500-Present	
A fourth course chosen from either the language or culture list above.		3
Total Hours		12

H Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

Placement credit (PL) may not be used to meet minor requirements.

See the program page here (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration/>) for special opportunities.

Department Programs

Majors

- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Interdisciplinary Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Arab Cultures Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-arab-cultures-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Chinese Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-chinese-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Japanese Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-japanese-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Korean Studies Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-korean-concentration/>)

- Asian Studies Major, B.A. –South Asian Studies Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-south-asian-studies-concentration/>)

Minors

- Arabic Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/arabic-minor/>)
- Asian Studies Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-minor/>)
- Chinese Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/chinese-minor/>)
- Modern Hebrew Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/modern-hebrew-minor/>)
- Hindi-Urdu Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/hindi-urdu-minor/>)
- Japanese Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/japanese-minor/>)
- Korean Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/korean-minor/>)
- Middle Eastern Languages Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/middle-eastern-languages-minor/>)
- Persian Minor (p. 1)
- Southeast Asian Studies Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/southeast-asian-studies-minor/>)

Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/asian-studies/>)

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