**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.

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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/)
• Persian Minor, 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/)
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Graduate Programs

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

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