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 (http://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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<td>Two language courses beyond PRSN 203 (the first semester of intermediate Persian), chosen from:</td>
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<td>PRSN 204</td>
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<td>Persian Language through Literature, Film, and Media</td>
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<td>One course chosen from among the following:</td>
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<td>ASIA/PWAD 69</td>
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A fourth course chosen from either the language or culture list above. 3

Total Hours 12

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

See the program page here (http://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 (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration/)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.—Arab Cultures Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-arab-cultures-concentration/)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.—Chinese Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-chinese-concentration/)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.—Korean Studies Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-korean-concentration/)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.—South Asian Studies Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-south-asian-studies-concentration/)

Minors

- 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/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

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Total Hours 12
• Arabic Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/arabic-minor/)
• Asian Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-minor/)
• Chinese Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/chinese-minor/)
• Modern Hebrew Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/modern-hebrew-minor/)
• Hindi-Urdu Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/hindi-urdu-minor/)
• Japanese Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/japanese-minor/)
• Korean Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/korean-minor/)
• Middle Eastern Languages Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/middle-eastern-languages-minor/)
• Persian Minor (p. 1)

Graduate Programs

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

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