Persian is an important language of the Middle East and Central Asia, spoken by approximately 70 million native speakers and roughly 110 million people worldwide. It is the official language of Iran. It also includes Persian Dari spoken in Afghanistan, and Tajik in Tajikistan. Studying Persian will also introduce you to the rich and diverse culture that produced major epic poets such as Ferdowsi, Sufi poets such as Rumi and Hafez, magnificent miniature paintings, fine carpets, and much more.

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)

Minors

- 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)

Requirements

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

- take at least nine hours of their minor course requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum of 12 hours of C or better in the minor (some minors require more)

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext).

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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ASIA/HIST/WGST 537 Women in the Middle East
ASIA/PWAD 69 First-Year Seminar: Wars and Veterans: Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan
ASIA/PWAD 435 The Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa
ASIA/RELI 180 Introduction to Islamic Civilization
ASIA/RELI 181 Modern Muslim Societies
ASIA/RELI 581 Sufism
ASIA/RELI 582 Islam and Islamic Art in South Asia
ASIA/RELI 583 Religion and Culture in Iran, 1500-Present
ASIA/WGST 127 Iranian Women Writers
ASIA/WGST 329 Middle East Women Writers
ASIA/WGST 471 Gender and Sexuality in Middle Eastern Literature
HIST 74 First-Year Seminar: Emperors, Courts, and Consumption: The Mughals of India
HIST 163 Modern Central Asia
RELI 480 Modern Muslim Literatures
SOCI 419 Sociology of the Islamic World

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.