PERSIAN (PRSN)

PRSN 100 Summer Immersion Persian (Units: 3)
Proficiency in the skills of listening, writing, reading, and speaking the Persian language. Exploration of the geography and culture of the Persian-speaking countries.

PRSN 101 First Semester Persian (Units: 4)
First semester elementary modern Persian, designed to develop proficiency in the fundamental skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing Persian. Exploration of the geography, history, culture, and religion of the Persian-speaking world.

PRSN 102 Second Semester Persian (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: PRSN 101 or equivalent.
Continuation of First-Semester Persian.

PRSN 103 Third Semester Persian (Units: 4)
Prerequisites: PRSN 101, PRSN 102, or equivalents.
Third semester modern Persian, designed to further develop proficiency in the fundamental skills of reading and speaking. Continued exploration of the geography, history, culture, and religion of the Persian-speaking world.

PRSN 104 Fourth Semester Persian (Units: 4)
Prerequisite: PRSN 103 or equivalent.
Fourth semester modern Persian, designed to further develop proficiency in the fundamental skills of reading and speaking. Continued study of Persian language, literature and culture to achieve a deeper understanding.

PRSN 206 Basic Persian Conversation (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: PRSN 102 or equivalent.
Review basic grammar; develop proficiency in the skills of listening and speaking the Persian language.

PRSN 250 Intermediate Persian (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: PRSN 206 or equivalent.
Continued development of grammar and conversation skills.

PRSN 260 Persian Culture and Civilization in English (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: First-year composition or equivalent or consent of instructor.
Exploration of major themes in the development of Persian culture and civilization from antiquity to present including, but not limited to, religions, languages, ethnicities, arts, traditions, and customs. Taught in English.

PRSN 290 Introduction to Persian Literature in Translation (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: ENG 114 or equivalent.
Examination of history, cultures, traditions, and religions as major themes in contemporary literature by Persian writers. Taught in English. [Formerly PRSN 510]

PRSN 350 Advanced Persian (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: PRSN 250 or equivalent.
Development of advanced language skills; focus on recognizing forms of standard and vernacular speaking.

PRSN 411 Persian Media in English (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: GE Areas A1, A2, A3, and B4 or consent of the instructor.
Development of Persian socio-political and cultural understanding through the examination of current events as presented in the media in the English language.

PRSN 450 Religious Traditions in Iran (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: GE Areas A1, A2, A3, and B4 or consent of the instructor.
An investigation into the religious traditions of Iran from the inception to the present-day. Taught in English.

PRSN 500 Introduction to Persian Literature (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: PRSN 350 or equivalent.
Development of poetry and prose in the Persian literature in different periods and genres. Taught in the Persian language.

PRSN 530 Topics in Persian Studies in English (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: GE Area E.
Introduction to Iranian languages, literatures, cultures, arts, history, cinema, and other Iranian, Afghani, and Persian related topics. Taught in English. May be repeated for a total of 9 units when topics vary. [Formerly PRSN 550, generic]

PRSN 550 Persian Culture Through Films in English (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: GE Areas A1, A2, A3, and B4 or consent of the instructor.
Aspects of contemporary Iranian cultures as presented in the Iranian film are examined in a critical context.

PRSN 699 Independent Study (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisite: PRSN 350 or equivalent.
Written projects in English or Persian that require critical analysis and interpretation of cultural or literary issues. May be repeated for a total of 6 units.