PERS-0100: Elementary Persian I
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Course Description:

PERS-0100 (Elementary Persian I) is an introductory-level course designed to help you start learning Persian and to give you the necessary tools to continue your study of Persian. This course introduces the Persian alphabet alongside grammar and vocabulary. Emphasis is placed on actively using the language for interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes of communication. The four language skills (i.e., listening, speaking, reading, and writing) as well as pronunciation and culture are integrated into the curriculum. There is no prerequisite.

By the end of this course you will:
1. Have mastered the Persian alphabet and sound system, be able to recognize and pronounce correctly all Persian sounds, and write accurately;
2. Be able to initiate social interactions, ask for basic information, and be aware of basic cultural aspects of social interaction in Persian;
3. Be able to talk about yourself, your education, and your family in Persian;
4. Comprehend simple print texts on familiar topics;
5. Comprehend simple audio/video texts on familiar topics;
6. Be able to compose simple paragraphs about yourself and your family and friends;
7. Know about the difference between written and spoken Persian, recognize both registers, and be able to use basic expressions.

Course Materials:
1. *Persian of Iran Today*, *Volume One*: The book and audiovisual materials are available for free online at laits.utexas.edu/persian_teaching_resources; however, **students must purchase the textbook** (available from Amazon.com) and bring it with them to class.
2. Supplementary vocabulary lists and other materials provided by the instructor.

Grade Distribution:
Participation: 30%
Homework: 30%
Corrections: 5%
Quizzes: 20%
Culture Blog: 5%
Skits: 5%
Presentation: 5%