

PERS-0300: Intermediate Persian I
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Course Description:

PERS-0300, or Intermediate Persian I, is conducted in Persian and designed to help you continue expanding upon what you have learned in Elementary Persian II (PERS-0200). In this course, we will begin to address a broader variety of topics in order to increase your proficiency in linguistic as well as cultural terms. Emphasis is placed on actively using the language for interpersonal, interpretive and presentational modes of communication. Therefore, use of English is restricted. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing are integrated into the course, as are culture, grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Prerequisite: Students must either have successfully completed PERS-0200, or take the departmental placement exam (contact the instructor to take the exam).

By the end of this course you will:

1. Speak not only about informal or concrete topics, but also begin to engage in some discussions of more formal or abstract topics, such as culture, politics, and society.
2. Increase your command of past, present, and future tenses, as well as related moods.
3. Be able to sustain lengthier social interactions with greater ease and confidence.
4. Comprehend authentic materials (texts, audio, videos, etc.) on familiar topics, as well as some unfamiliar topics through the use of effective reading and listening strategies;
5. Be able to compose paragraphs about a variety of topics, both informal and formal;
6. Demonstrate a basic ability to use different registers of Persian.
7. Substantially increase your command of high-frequency vocabulary.

Course Materials:

1. Persian of Iran Today, Volume Two: The book and audiovisual materials are available for free online at aits.utexas.edu/persian_teaching_resources; however, **students must purchase the hardcopy book** (available at Amazon.com) to bring with them to class.
2. Authentic, real-life listening and reading materials (videos and texts) with accompanying vocabulary and grammar materials provided by the instructor via Canvas.

Grade Distribution:

Participation: 30%

Homework: 30%

Corrections: 5%

Quizzes: 20%

Composition: 10%

Presentation: 5%