

PERS-0390: Persian for Heritage Speakers
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Course Description:

PERS-0390, or Persian for Heritage Speakers, is conducted in Persian and designed to help you strengthen your skills by learning not only to read and write, but also to engage in more complex forms of discourse in Persian. In this course, we will begin to address a 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, English is restricted. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing are integrated into the course, as are culture, grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Prerequisite: Students must be proficient in spoken Persian (whether Farsi or Dari), and lack reading and writing skills.

By the end of this course you will:

1. Learn the Persian alphabet and modern writing conventions;
2. Improve your command and understanding of Persian grammar;
3. Substantially increase your command of high-frequency vocabulary;
4. Demonstrate an ability to use and understand the *ketâbi/nevestâri* register;
5. Be able to sustain lengthier social interactions with greater ease and confidence;
6. Be able to compose paragraphs about a variety of topics, both informal and formal;
7. 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.

Course Materials:

1. *Persian of Iran Today, Volume One & Volume Two*: The books and audiovisual materials are available for free online at laits.utexas.edu/persian_teaching_resources. It is not required (only recommended) that you purchase physical copies from Amazon.
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:

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| Participation | 30% |
| Homework | 30% |
| Corrections | 5% |
| Quizzes | 20% |
| Composition | 10% |
| Presentation | 5% |