

PERS-1009-10 Persian for Arabic Speakers I

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Course Goals and Description

This course covers some basic grammar and vocabulary, allowing students to communicate effectively in Persian in several everyday situations.

All four language-skills: Speaking, listening comprehension, reading and writing will be taught equally using the immersion method. This method will help students achieve confidence communicating in the Persian language. Aspects of Persian culture will be introduced on a regular basis.

The course is taught largely in the target language.

At the end of this course, we will be able to:

- 1- Have basic level conversations in Persian: 5 minutes.
- 2- Read texts of elementary level: 100 to 150 words.
- 3-Write paragraphs with reasonable accuracy: 100 to 120 words
- 4-Develop cultural awareness through readings, films, music, food etc.

Course Materials

1-Persian in use is the main course resource, author:"Anousha Sedighi" Chicago University Press ISBN: 978-90 8728 217 2

2- Persian movies and documentaries via Canvas

3-On line materials: Persianintexas.com/ [Persian@nyu.com/](mailto:Persian@nyu.com) , Elementary / Intermediate Persian

Persian in context

Lang Media

Omniglot

Behnevis

BBC Persian/ Gooya.com/ Radiofarda.com

3--Persian bilingual Dictionary is required

Other supplementary materials will also be introduced to assist students in learning the language.

Grading and Course Requirement

Homework assignment/writing: 20%

Class attendance and **active** Participation: 20%

Quizzes: 20%

Oral presentation 10%

Midterm /Oral: 10%

Final/Oral: 20%

Please Note:

Attendance and **active** participation are critical to the development of all interactive skills in Persian. Therefore, only two absences will be excused. Beginning with the fourth absence your participation grade will be lowered. Any chronic tardiness also counts as absence.

Homework:

Daily study and completion of homework is your personal responsibility. As it is an intensive course please reserve no less than 90 minutes daily for Persian. Some students need more time. Daily written homework will be collected, annotated and returned. Late homework receives less credit than homework submitted on time. Your homework performance is factored into the final grade. Please make sure to know the homework assignment for the day. Have a contact in class who can inform you about the assignment in the case of your absence. I will be more than happy to respond to your questions about the homework during my office hours.

Tests, quizzes, oral performance evaluation:

If you are absent or late on the day of a scheduled quiz, test, or oral performance evaluation without prior notice to me, you will receive a zero for that requirement. You are subject to an UNANNOUNCED quiz at any time. Oral performance evaluations, tests and exams are announced in advance.

Quizzes

The approximate Letter Grade Scale for the quizzes I use to assess your performance is as follows:

A (98-100) Excellent grasp of vocabulary, spelling and grammar. The use of complex sentence structures as well as new vocabulary.

A (95-97) Good grasp of concepts, some complex structures--still above minimum

A- (92-94) Lack of careful attention to spelling, missing verbs and major parts of speech.

B (88-91) Lack of attention as well as incorrect language use.

B- (80-87) incorrect language use, did not study new material and is relying on previous knowledge

C (75-79) Poor quality overall

It would benefit you greatly if you came into office hours to review your quiz mistakes.

Honor system:

I believe strongly in the capacity of each student to respect our honor system and accordingly for students to do their own work. DO collaborate with your classmates in study or conversation groups. DO give credit to your fellow students when that is the right thing to do. DO complete the on line tutorial on Integrity and the Honor System: <http://www.library.georgetown.edu/resource/tutorials.htm>

HAVE A GREAT AND ENJOYABLE SEMESTER