

## Syllabus

### Elementary Persian: PER 101(5Units)

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#### Course Description:

This is an elementary level course stressing oral fluency, written expression, and reading comprehension. The objectives of the course are to help students to:

- 1- read texts of elementary level difficulty.
- 2- communicate and converse in Persian on a variety of topics and, therefore, to understand spoken Persian in everyday situations.
- 3- write elementary narrative style paragraphs coherently and with reasonable accuracy.
- 4- develop cultural awareness through additional readings and class discussions.

#### Course Requirements and Attendance:

Students will be taught through the use of vocabulary in simulated settings and situations through repetition drills, frequent use of vocabulary, acting, and reading loud. This will be augmented by the reading and grammatical analysis of various texts. Students are required and encouraged to speak Persian in class discussion. There will be eight quizzes and one exam. Class attendance is absolutely necessary. In addition to the classes, students may opt to attend several Persian movies (and discussions), a trip to a Persian restaurant, and an end of the semester dinner-dance party. The final exam is scheduled for.

#### Readings and sources:

*Modern Persian Spoken and Written: An Elementary Text*. V. 1, **Available at UA Bookstore**

The CD included in the book provides the audio version of the readings texts of the book.

Audio version of the Dialogues are available on the internet at:

<http://www.princeton.edu/~plhulick/persian/>

Additional learning materials and sources such as dictionaries are available at:

<http://www.u.arizona.edu/~talattof/persian/>

#### Evaluation:

Class Participation, vocabulary tests and attendance (8 lessons x 2 )	16%
Homework and writings (3 items of each drill 8 x 3)	24%
Quizzes (on seven lessons, 7 x 4)	28%
Final Exam	32%

(The final is on lessons and class materials: we will review the exam during the last week)

#### Grading Scale:

A	90 - 100%	excellent, truly outstanding
B	80 - 89%	strong, above-average work

C	70 - 79%	adequately covers assigned task, average
D	60 - 69%	below average, meets some, but not all, criteria
E, failing grade	up to 59%	not sufficient to meet requirements

### Course Schedule: Elementary Persian: PER 101

Week 1-2

Introduction, Lesson 1  
 Vocab 1  
 Spoken Persian  
 Quiz 1

Week 3-4

Lesson 2  
 Vocab 2  
 Class expressions  
 Quiz 2

Week 5-6

Lesson 3  
 Vocab 3  
 Quiz 3

Week 7-8

Lesson 4, handout  
 Vocab 4  
 Conversation  
 Quiz 4

Week 9-10

Lesson 5  
 Vocab 5  
 handout  
 Quiz 5

Week 11-12

Lesson 6  
 Vocab 6  
 handout  
 Quiz 6

Week 13-14

Lesson 7  
 Vocab 7  
 Conversation  
 Quiz 7

Week 15-16

Lesson 8  
 Vocab 8  
 News paper, drill  
 Review

Final Exam: **Wednesday December 17, 2008 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**