**PERSIAN (PERS)**

**PERS 110a, Elementary Persian I**  Farkhondeh Shayesteh  
Introduction to modern Persian, with emphasis on all four language skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking.  
L1  1½ Course cr

**PERS 120b, Elementary Persian II**  Farkhondeh Shayesteh  
Continuation of PERS 110, with emphasis on all four language skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Prerequisite: PERS 110 or permission of instructor.  
L2  RP  1½ Course cr

**PERS 130a, Intermediate Persian I**  Farkhondeh Shayesteh  
Continuation of PERS 120, with emphasis on expanding vocabulary and understanding more complex grammatical forms and syntax. Prerequisite: PERS 120 or permission of instructor.  
L3  RP  1½ Course cr

**PERS 140b, Intermediate Persian II**  Farkhondeh Shayesteh  
Continuation of PERS 130, with emphasis on expanding vocabulary and understanding more complex grammatical forms and syntax. Prerequisite: PERS 130 or permission of instructor.  
L4  RP  1½ Course cr

* **PERS 151b, Persian Culture and Media**  Farkhondeh Shayesteh  
Advanced study of Persian grammar, vocabulary, and culture through the use of authentic Persian media. Examination of daily media reports on cultural, political, historical, and sporting events in Iran, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and other Persian-speaking regions. Designed for nonnative speakers. Prerequisite: PERS 140 or permission of instructor.  
L5

* **PERS 156a, Manichaean Middle Persian & Parthian**  Kevin van Bladel  
Introduction to reading Middle Persian and Parthian, two different but closely related ancient Iranian languages, in the distinctive script employed by Manichaean scribes. Includes extensive study of the Manichaean religion through original texts and secondary readings. Permission of instructor required.