**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 120a or b, 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 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 161a / MMES 176a, Cinema of Iran, Past and Present**  Farkhondeh Shayesteh  
A thematic survey of Iranian cinema, past and present. Prominent Iranian directors such as Kiarostami, Beyzai, Panahi, Banietemad, and Farhadi are explored through discussion and in-class viewing of clips from assigned films. Students enhance their awareness of Persian culture through Iranian films while advancing their language skills. L4 and instructor permission.  
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