

**Johns Hopkins University**  
Homewood  
Fall 2009

**Course: Beginner's Persian**

Course # **AS.382.101**

Course Dates: **Monday & Wednesdays**

Meeting times: **4:30- 5:45**

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## **Course Descriptions/Objectives**

This course is designed for beginner students to learn sounds, Persian alphabet, word formation, elementary grammar structure, and very basic conversation and listening skills. The skills will be presented in an interactive setting. Students will also be exposed to Persian culture through sample readings, discussions, watching movies, and other cultural activities.

The students who have some back ground in Persian or have been in Iran, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan can benefit more from this course.

This course is about the ancient and modern language of Persia, Iran, Tajikestan, and Afghanistan, the language of the Epic of Kings ([Shâhnâmeh](#)) the [Rubâiyât of Omar Khayyâm](#), and the mystical poet [Rumi](#). An Indo-European language, related to English, French, German, and Russian, but written in an Arabic Script.:

## **Course Policies**

- **ATTENDANCE:** Attendance in language learning is important and required. You are allowed three (3) absences. Beyond three absences, you will need a written excuse to be accepted at the instructor's discretion (in case of illness, injury, death or illness in the family, university duties, court attendance, or religious observance.)  
Upon return to class after an absence, you are responsible for any homework, written assignments, quizzes, etc., assigned on the day you were absent. If you know in advance that you have to be absent, please see your instructor. Please get the phone number of a classmate so that you can call him/her in the event that you are unsure of an assignment.
- **GRADES:** Your grade will include +/- and will be computed as follows:
  - 30% Quizzes
  - 20% Written Final Exam
  - 20% Oral Final Exam
  - 30% Attendance, participation, and homework

In addition to midterm and final exams, an oral presentation and frequent mini-quizzes will be given. Homework will count toward the final grade, so students should be sure to complete it on time.

**The textbook: Persian Language, Book One: Basic Lessons by Ahmad Saffar Moqaddam, Ph.D.** Council of Promotion of Persian Language and Literature 2007 Tehran, Iran

- **Readings**
- - The combined new Persian-English and English-Persian dictionary, Abbas Aryanpur Kashani and Manoochehr Aryanpur Kashani. Lexington, Ky., USA : Mazda Publishers, 1986.
  - The concise English-Persian dictionary, Aryanpur Kashani, Abbas, Tehran, Iran : Amir Kabir Publishing Corp.,1981.
- Online Persian Dictionaries:
  - [Online English - Persian Dictionary](#)
  - [Persian Online Dictionary](#)

Students can also get some help from lab and websites such as [www.easypersian.com](http://www.easypersian.com), [www.persianintexas.org](http://www.persianintexas.org), and [www.farsidic.com](http://www.farsidic.com).

### Course Calendar/ Schedule

Date	Lecture
Week1 Sept., 2-	Lesson 1, Persian Sounds & Letter, Word
Week 2 Sept., 9-14	Lesson 2, Persian Sounds & Letter, Word
Week 3 Sept., 16-21	Lesson 3, In the Class
Week 4 Sept., 23 - 28	Lesson 4, In The Class
Week 5 Oct., 5- 7	Lesson 5, The Persian Professor
Week 6 Oct., 12-14	Lesson 6, The Student of Persian Class
Week 7 Oct., 19 – 21	Lesson, 7, Dormitory of Students
Week 8 Oct., 26-28	Lesson 8, The past Day
Week 9 Nov., 2 - 4	Lesson 9, The Library of University

Week 10 Nov. 9-11	Lesson 10,11, Reading & Conversation, Grammar & Composition
Week 11 Nov., 16 -18	Lesson 12 & 13, Iranian Friends , Shopping from Store
Week 12 Nov. 23- 25	Lesson 14 & 15, From Dormitory to University, University Restaurant
Nov., 27-- 30	Thanks Giving
Week 13 Dec., 2-7	Lesson 16, Post & Telephone
Dec., 14	Final Exam

#### Some Useful Links:

- [A Day in Rostamabad of Shemiran](#)  
Persian text of the story with English word by word translation and grammar.
- [Interesting Web Sites](#)  
Covers all the topics about Iran and Iranian cultures
- [Râdio Sedâye Irân:](#)  
One can listen to this radio non-stop 24 hours a day via the internet.
- [Persian Is Sugar!](#)  
Persian (Farsi) Language Tutorial
- [Paygham - Persian Email \(US\)](#)  
Another email reader in Persian
- [Hamshahri Newspaper](#)
- Daily Newspaper in Persian