About Persian

- Persian is an official language of Iran, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan. It is also widely spoken in neighboring countries.

- There are approximately 110 million native speakers of Persian.

- Persian literature has been described as one of the great literatures of mankind.

- For centuries, Persian has been a prestigious cultural language in Central Asia, South Asia, and Western Asia.

- Iran has an ancient history of culture and civilization that dates back to 4000 BC.
Program Overview

The minor in Persian language and literature provides students with a background in linguistics, literary, and cultural aspects of the study of Persian. Students work towards linguistic proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening; they are introduced to Iranian culture and its diverse perspectives, traditions, practices, and products.

Cultural Activities

The program is complemented by lecture series, field trips, cultural activities, and community events to provide a deeper understanding of Iran and its peoples.

The first Persian Minor in the state of Oregon

Persian Minor Requirements

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Prerequisites

First-year Persian (PER 101, 102, 103) 12
Second-year Persian (PER 201, 202, 203) 12
(or proof of equivalent proficiency)

Employment Opportunities

Students benefit from a wide range of professional opportunities, including careers in education, government, the arts, business, and communication.

Scholarships and Fellowships

- Through the Middle East Studies Center (a Title VI National Resource Center) at Portland State University students can apply for three competitive scholarships:
  - Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship
  - Gary and Patricia Leiser Scholarship
  - Elizabeth Ducey Scholarship

- Persia House, a community-run organization, also offers scholarships to students of Persian language at PSU.