



PERSIAN COURSE

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The goal of the **Persian** course is to teach the students the skills to help them read and understand Ottoman texts. To that end, Persian courses focus on the grammar and structure of texts from early modern and modern periods. Persian is offered at Beginner and Intermediate levels.

Beginner Persian

The aim of the course is to provide a thorough introduction to contemporary Persian. By the end of the course, students shall gain reading competence for simple texts as well as oral competence for basic conversation. To do so, the students will have exposure to Persian vocabulary, structure practice and grammar that has also been adopted into Ottoman. Students will have covered grammatical constructions and acquired an essential working vocabulary allowing them to work with modern and historical Ottoman and Persian texts.

Week 1

• Alphabet and sounds • Basic numbers • Present tense of “to be” (long and short forms)

Week 2

• Present tense of “to have” • Nouns: specific, Non-specific, and generic • را
Specific direct object maker • Possessive pronouns with مال

Week 3

• Simple present tense, compound verbs • Plurals • Suffix pronouns, difference between suffix pronouns and full pronouns

Week 4

• Question words • Imperative • Present subjunctive/ Subjunctive as an independent verb/ Subjunctive vs. Imperative

Week 5

• Simple past tense • Past continues tense • Comparative adjectives • Superlative adjectives

Week 6

• Reflexive pronouns • Present progressive tense • Past progressive tense • Prefixes and suffixes



Intermediate Persian

The aim of the intermediate course is to provide a thorough introduction to classical Persian and familiarize students with the grammar and some stylistic features of classical Persian. By the end of the course, students will be able to understand Persian structures in Ottoman texts and have some ideas about medieval Persian sources. They will be able to analyze the wording and structure problems of medieval Persian sources, and this will help them to cover some complicated structures in Ottoman texts.

Week 1

- Overview of Modern Persian Grammar, Reading Advanced Level Texts (Modern Persian)

Week 2

- Introduction to Classical Persian, Reading Text

Week 3

- Pre-Safavid Period Historical and Literary Texts

Week 4

- Safavid Period Historical and Literary Texts

Week 5

- Qadjar Period Historical and Literary Texts

Week 6

- Persian Texts and Persian phrases in Ottoman Texts