Introduction to Persian (LANG 127)

Credit Hours: 4

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Schedule: Monday to Friday (2.00 PM – 4.50 PM)

This course introduces students to the basics of Persian language through text readings, dialogues, exercises and a brief selection of prose and poetry. Adopting Tehrani dialect as the standard, it also gives a brief comparative overview of different regional dialects of Persian language in the beginning. Starting from pronunciation & simple sentence structure, it gradually moves to basic tenses and allows the students to learn the language through written and conversational exercises. Some audio-visual material, mostly produced by Iranian linguistics, will also be used to improve the pronunciation and hearing skills of the students. After the students have acquired some basic grammatical skills, they will also be made to read some brief and simple selections of literature – both prose and poetry - along with grammar lessons.