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To: Administrative Boards of the College of Arts & Sciences

From: Nadia Yaqub, Chair, Department of Asian Studies

Re: Request for changes to the minor in Persian

We are proposing a structural change to the Persian minor. Due to instructor workload and enrollment issues, the third-year Persian courses are now being offered alternately, one per year. In order to keep the Persian minor accessible even though the advanced Persian courses are offered less frequently, we are shifting the balance between language and culture courses required for the minor. Instead of 3 language + 1 culture, as currently required, students will have the flexibility to alternatively complete the minor with 2 language + 2 culture courses.

Attached is a revised version of the minor text for the Undergraduate Bulletin.

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PERSIAN MINOR

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The Department of Asian Studies offers five major concentrations, nine minors, and instruction in Asian and Middle Eastern languages. In addition to the interdisciplinary minor in Asian studies, there are language-focused minors in Arabic, Chinese, modern Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Japanese, Korean, and Persian.

Department Programs

Majors

- Asian Studies Major, B.A. –Interdisciplinary Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A. –Arab Cultures Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-arab-cultures-concentration>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A. –Chinese Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-chinese-concentration>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A. –Japanese Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-japanese-concentration>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A. –South Asian Studies Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-south-asian-studies-concentration>)

Minors

- Arabic Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/arabic-minor>)
- Asian Studies Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-minor>)
- Chinese Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/chinese-minor>)
- Modern Hebrew Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/modern-hebrew-minor>)
- Hindi-Urdu Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/hindi-urdu-minor>)
- Japanese Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/japanese-minor>)

- Korean Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/korean-minor>)
- Middle Eastern Languages Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/middle-eastern-languages-minor>)
- Persian Minor (p. 1)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor course requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum of 12 hours of C or better in the minor (some minors require more)

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext>).

The undergraduate minor in Persian consists of four courses. **Students may complete either two language courses and two culture courses, or three language courses and one culture course.**

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
Two language courses beyond PRSN 203 (the first semester of intermediate Persian), chosen from:		6
PRSN 204	Intermediate Persian II	
PRSN 305	Advanced Persian I	
PRSN 306	Advanced Persian II	
One course chosen from among the following:		3
ARTH/ASIA 251	Art in the Age of the Caliphs	
ARTH/ASIA 458	Islamic Architecture and the Environment	
ASIA 122	Introduction to Iranian Culture	
ASIA 124	Iranian Post-1979 Cinema	
ASIA 126	Introduction to Persian Literature	
ASIA 431	Persian Sufi Literature	
ASIA/CMPL 256	Love in Classical Persian Poetry	
ASIA/CMPL 258	Iranian Prison Literature	
ASIA/CMPL 359	Literary Diasporas of the Middle East	
ASIA/CMPL 442	Postcolonial Literature of the Middle East	
ASIA/GEOG/ WGST 447	Gender, Space, and Place in the Middle East	
ASIA/HIST 135	History of the Indian Subcontinent to 1750	
ASIA/HIST 138	History of Muslim Societies to 1500	
ASIA/HIST 139	History of Muslim Societies since 1500	
ASIA/HIST 276	The Modern Middle East	
ASIA/HIST 536	Revolution in the Modern Middle East	
ASIA/HIST 538	The Middle East and the West	
ASIA/HIST/ WGST 537	Women in the Middle East	

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ASIA/PWAD 69	First-Year Seminar: Wars and Veterans: Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan
ASIA/PWAD 435	The Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa
ASIA/RELI 180	Introduction to Islamic Civilization
ASIA/RELI 181	Modern Muslim Societies
ASIA/RELI 581	Sufism
ASIA/RELI 582	Islam and Islamic Art in South Asia
ASIA/RELI 583	Religion and Culture in Iran, 1500-Present
ASIA/WGST 127	Iranian Women Writers
ASIA/WGST 329	Middle East Women Writers
ASIA/WGST 471	Gender and Sexuality in Middle Eastern Literature
HIST 74	First-Year Seminar: Emperors, Courts, and Consumption: The Mughals of India
HIST 163	Modern Central Asia
RELI 480	Modern Muslim Literatures
SOCI 419	Sociology of the Islamic World
A fourth course chosen from either the language or culture list above. 3	
Total Hours	12

Placement credit (PL) may not be used to meet minor requirements.

See the program page here (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration>) for special opportunities.