Persian and Middle Eastern Studies

University of Edinburgh

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Content

Persian is one of the major languages of the Middle East and Central Asia. Its modern form has three variants which, collectively, are the first language of over 120 million people. It is the national language of Iran, where it is known as Farsi. It is spoken as Dari in Afghanistan and Tajik in Tajikistan.

Year 1:
In your first two years you will study Persian 1 and 2, covering basic Persian grammar, vocabulary and conversational skills. You will study Islamic history, modern Middle Eastern history and courses from your joint honours subject.

You will take courses in Islamic History and Modern Middle Eastern History.

Year 2:
You will continue with your Persian language study, developing the grammar and vocabulary to read, write and speak about social and everyday topics.

You will take courses in the religion of Islam and Islamic and Middle Eastern Cultures.

Year 3:
When study in a Persian-speaking country or at an approved institution elsewhere is permitted, you will spend Year 3 abroad. This will help you to improve your language, cross-cultural communication, and independent study skills.

Year 4:
You will study classical and modern Persian literature and will continue to develop your translation and conversational skills. You will also choose from a range of option courses dealing with different aspects of Iran (including pre-Islamic Persia), Islam and the Middle East. You will also complete a dissertation.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

TL66

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Department

Literatures, Languages and Cultures

Entry Requirements

2027 entry requirements

Standard entry:
4 Highers at ABBB (first sitting) or 4/5 Highers at AABB/ABBBB (two sittings) plus English at National 5.

Widening Access entry:
4 Highers at ABBB (by end of S6) plus English at National 5. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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Progression Routes

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Combination Courses

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