

Persian and English Literature

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.

Studying English Literature will further develop your critical, analytic, linguistic and creative skills. You will engage with a broad range of texts from around the world and a variety of approaches to reading.

Year 1:

You will study basic Persian grammar, vocabulary and conversational skills. You will develop the key tools to understand, speak, read and write elementary Persian.

You will take two literary studies courses. These will introduce you to the essential skills needed for the critical close reading of the core literary genres of poetry, drama and prose.

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 be introduced to the study of English literature in its cultural and historical contexts via a survey of literature from the late Medieval period to the mid-20th century.

Year 3:

When studying 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

T6Q3

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Department

Literatures, Languages and Cultures

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements

Standard entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (first sitting) or 4/5 Highers at AABBB/ABBBB (two sittings) including English plus a language other than English at A at National 5.

Widening Access entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (by end of S6) including English plus a language other than English at A at National 5. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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