Modern Language Centre

Evening I Saturday I Summer Language Courses

Course Description

Persian False Beginners

How long does the course last?

45 hours of tuition - 3 parts of 15 hours each
Part 1: 15 hours
Part 2: 16-30 hours
Part 3: 31-45 hours
The length of each part depends on the type of language course.

Evening Language Courses: Lessons take place once a week over 10 weeks and last 1.5 hours each.
Saturday Language Courses & Evening Fast-track Language Courses: Lessons take place once a week over 5 weeks and last 3 hours each.
Summer Fast-track Language Courses: Lessons take place twice a week over 2.5 weeks and last 3 hours each.
Summer Intensive Language Courses: Lessons take place 5 times a week and last 3 hours each.

Who is the course for?

The course is aimed at a wide range of students with a general interest in Persian with one of the following:
- one or two terms of Level 1 of the MLC Evening / Saturday / Summer Language Courses or equivalent
- a pass at GCSE/O level obtained more than four years ago
- a recent GCSE/O level grade C or below

What are the objectives of the course?

To improve and consolidate knowledge of grammar and vocabulary acquired previously and to achieve the equivalent of A1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), entry level of the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).

By the end of the course you will:
- be able to communicate effectively in everyday life situations, including using greetings, talking about daily activities, finding your way, making purchases, ordering a meal, booking a hotel, etc
- be able to understand simple oral passages and written texts and infer specific information from simple texts
- have developed basic writing skills
- have developed an insight into Persian-speaking life, culture and society

How is the course taught?

A communicative approach is used. All four skills (speaking, reading, listening and writing) are practised, with the main emphasis on speaking.
Students engage in interactive language activities, participating in group and pair work according to a syllabus based on systematic grammatical progression.
Students will also be offered guidance in self-study and set optional homework tasks.
Students will have access to KEATS, King’s e-learning platform.

**What course can I do next?**

After completing all three parts of this course, students should be ready to join our Persian Level 2 or Persian Level 3 class. Students should consult their tutor, who will be able to advise them on the more appropriate level to join.

**Course outline**

**Part 1**

**Topics**
The weather
Months of the year and seasons
My home
Money, rial and toman, coins and notes
Shopping

**Functions**
Talking about the weather
Recognizing different notes and coins in Iranian currency
Describing things
Describing furniture, colour and size
Asking about price and quantity
Making simple purchases

**Grammar**
Simple past tense
Cardinal and ordinal numbers
Numbers 0-100
Numbers 101-1000

**Part 2**

**Topics**
Time
Daily activities and routine
Religious festivals

**Functions**
Asking and telling the time
Talking about one’s daily routine and activities
Comparing and contrasting
Talking about future events

**Grammar**
Comparative and superlative forms of adjectives
The Imperative
The Simple Future tense
Adverbs
The Subjunctive

Part 3
Topics
Means of transportation
Travels
Holidays in Iran
Street talk: idiomatic expressions
Offers and invitations

Functions
Talking about transportation and travels
Booking a holiday in Iran
Accepting and declining offers and invitations

Grammar
The Future tense
Demonstratives
Prepositions
Definite and indefinite articles in Farsi
Definite article for a direct object
Conjunctions

Learning resources

Textbook and exercise book
  ISBN: 978-0-415-56045-0

Students are expected to purchase their own textbook. An exercise book may also be recommended. The teacher will supply additional material, both tailor-made and taken from other sources (textbooks, newspapers and new media).

Recommended additional material
- Farsi Shirin Ast (Routledge, Beginners and Intermediate level, Persian course, 2010)
  ISBN-10: 0415561019
  ISBN-10: 9640001635
Online language learning resources

https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/modern-language-centre/language-resources-centre.aspx#ad-image-0

Independent study

Research indicates that successful language learners revise new material and review their progress on a regular basis. The Language Resources Centre (LRC), situated in room K-1.072 in level minus one of the Strand Building, houses a wide collection of learning material including text and grammar books, magazines and newspapers, CDs, DVDs, and self-access e-learning language programmes.

During term time the LRC facilitates free speaking practice sessions as well as a range of workshops on language learning. For a list of topics and all dates and times, including the opening hours of the LRC, please go to the website: https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/modern-language-centre/language-resources-centre.aspx#ad-image-0