

Ottoman Summer Program 2022

Tentative Syllabus for Persian Class

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ANAMED's Ottoman Summer Program offers Persian classes in the afternoons. The goal of these classes is to provide students with skills to help read and understand Ottoman texts. Persian course is divided into two parts; "Modern Persian" and "Persian Historical Texts". Modern Persian courses focus on the grammar and structures of the medieval texts. The Persian Historical Texts course will introduce students to variety of texts from different periods.

Modern Persian

The aim of the course is to provide a thorough introduction to contemporary Persian. By the end of the course, students shall gain reading competence for simple texts as well as oral competence for basic conversation. To do so, the students will have intense exposure to Persian vocabulary, structure practice and grammar that has also been adopted into Ottoman. Students will have covered grammatical constructions and acquired an essential working vocabulary allowing them to work with modern and historical Ottoman and Persian texts. The course is taught in Turkish and English. Overview of Course Contents: The alphabet, noun phrases, adjective phrases, the verb 'to be', constructing basic sentences, personal and possessive pronouns (you/yours, etc.), the verb 'to have', singular and plural forms, numbers, question words, the past tense, present tense, future tense, the past and present perfect, the continuous past, ...

Week 1

- Alphabet and sounds,
- Basic numbers
- Present tense of "to be" (long and short forms)

Week 2

- Present tense of "to have"
- Nouns: specific, Non-specific, and generic
- Specific direct object maker لَ
- Possessive pronouns with مال

Week 3

- Simple present tense, compound verbs
- Plurals
- Suffix pronouns, difference between suffix pronouns and full pronouns

Week 4

- Question words
- Imperative
- Present subjunctive/ Subjunctive as an independent verb/ Subjunctive vs. Imperative

Week 5

- Simple past tense

- Past continues tense
- Comparative adjectives
- Superlative adjectives

Week 6

- Reflexive pronouns
- Present progressive tense
- Past progressive tense
- Prefixes and suffixes

Persian Historical Texts

The aim of the course is to provide a thorough introduction to classical Persian and familiarize students with the character, concerns and grammar of classical Persian. By the end of the course students will be able to understand Persian structures in Ottoman texts and have some ideas about the medieval Persian sources. They will be able to analyze the wording and structure problems of medieval Persian sources and this will help them to cover some complicated structures at Ottoman texts. The course is taught in Turkish and English and focuses on reading and comprehension historical and some literary texts.

Week 1: Overview of Modern Persian Grammar, Reading Advanced Level Texts (Modern Persian)

Week 2: Introduction to Classical Persian, Reading Text

Week 3: Pre-Safavid Period Historical and Literary Texts

Week 4: Safavid Period Historical and Literary Texts

Week 5: Qadjar Period Historical and Literary Texts

Week 6: Persian Texts and Persian phrases in Ottoman Texts