

COURSE OUTLINE

FARS-101

Elementary Farsi I

4 Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

In this introductory course, students learn to listen, speak, write and read at a beginning level. They also learn about the diverse cultures of the Farsi-speaking world. Students will become familiar with the Farsi script and sound system, develop a working vocabulary, and learn rudimentary grammatical concepts. (4 hours weekly).

Statement on General Education and Liberal Learning

A liberal education prepares students to lead ethical, productive, and creative lives and to understand how the pursuit of lifelong learning and critical thinking fosters good citizenship. General education courses form the core of a liberal education within the higher education curriculum and provide a coherent intellectual experience for all students by introducing the fundamental concepts and methods of inquiry in the areas of mathematics, the physical and natural sciences, the social sciences, the arts and the humanities, and composition. This course is part of the general education core experience at Howard Community College.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will:

1. Recognize and write words/phrases in the Farsi script.
2. Ask simple oral questions and respond accordingly.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of basic vocabulary.
4. Comprehend basic, short text.
5. Use situational vocabulary in writing and speaking.
6. Comprehend simple oral questions and respond to them.
7. Appreciate the cultures of the Farsi-speaking world.

Major Topics

- I. Writing connected and disconnected letters in all positions.
- II. Learning and building practical vocabulary words/phrases.
- III. Connecting isolated letters to form familiar and unfamiliar words.
- IV. Introducing/practicing question and answer drills.
- V. Practicing basic dialogues containing practical situations.
- VI. Integration of relevant cultural topics.

Course Requirements

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but may include the following: exams, quizzes, homework (electronic or traditional), presentations, oral exams, and active participation and preparation.

Other Course Information

This course is an Arts and Sciences elective, a Humanities elective, and a Humanities core course.