

Iranian Studies (M.A.) at

**University of Tehran**

(Two Subject Degree)

**Field of Study:** Iranian Studies

**Degree:** Master of Arts (M.A.)

**Regular duration of study:** 5 semesters

**Beginning of study:** winter semester only

**Admission to the winter semester 2012/13:**

- International applicants: open admission (application to the University)

**Description:**

*Objects of Study/Contents/Aims*

Students should acquire a good active and passive knowledge of Persian; knowledge of the countries concerned and their social history; the history of Iranian languages; and the culture of the Iranian-speaking peoples. Students are introduced to the main concepts, methods and theories of Iranian Studies. In consultation with the Teaching Staff students can prepare themselves for a profession or for a PhD degree by focusing on Language and Linguistics, Literature, or Cultural Studies by means of individually chosen ('floating') modules, or Independent Studies.

*Points of focus at University of Tehran*

The Centre of Iranian Studies at University of Tehran focuses on two fields of study: Modern Iranian, and Ancient Iranian Studies. Modern Iranian Studies concentrate particularly on the modern history, Literature and art in Iran. Ancient Iranian Studies at University of Tehran focus on Iranian languages, notably Old Persian, Avestan, and other ancient languages of Iran, including Western and Eastern Middle Iranian languages.

*Linguistic requirements*

A further language should be chosen as part of a M.A. in Iranian Studies, in accordance with the student's interests and chosen subjects (in consultation with the Staff), e.g. Arabic, Turkish, Hindi, Sanskrit, Aramaic, Elamite, or Akkadian.

*Structure of the Curriculum*

The first two semesters are mainly devoted to teaching Persian and introducing methods and theories of a relevant discipline such as linguistics. In the mean time students are expected to be familiar with certain individual topics (book list) in consultation with the staff; knowledge

of these topics is examined at the end of each semester. During the 3rd and 4th semesters students should learn at least one further, relevant language. A taught course will introduce them to one or more aspects of Iranian Studies. During the study a course on reading advanced texts in Persian will help them increase their knowledge of the language. The 5th semester is devoted to writing a M.A. thesis.

#### *Other subjects*

Iranian Studies must be combined with a second subject. There are various optional subjects. Those who concentrate on the Persian language and literature could usefully combine these studies with subjects such as neighboring cultures, Islamic Studies, History of Religions, and Anthropology. For those who focus on Ancient Iranian Studies, Dialectology or Ancient history, and History of Religions are recommended.

#### *Professional prospects*

Graduates can find employment in journalism, the diplomatic service, or business (depending on their focus of study and traineeships undertaken as part of their study), as well as in academic spheres, e.g. as interpreters and translators in museums and libraries.

#### *Tuition Fee*

The tuition fee resolved by the University in 20 Feb 2012, is \$ 6500 per year. Foreign students admitted to the University of Tehran at MA in Iranian Studies will enjoy the University's scholarship as much as %65 of the tuition fees. Accommodation, alimention and insurance fees are not included.