Introductory course (ISLA 541, D1-D2)
In the introductory course, you will be introduced to the language with an intensive focus on the alphabet, which will be demonstrated with examples and in comparison with the English alphabet and the corresponding phonemes. Once you have acquired the alphabet and the corresponding sounds, you will learn how to combine them in writing and in pronunciation.

The focus of the course then moves smoothly to vocabulary and grammatical structures needed to communicate in simple dialogues, to read simple texts, and to write simple paragraphs. You will also learn the colloquial version of Persian through simple dialogues. The dialogues, sample examples, reading texts, and photo captions are all designed such that you will be familiar with the Persian culture and literature.

At the end of this yearlong introductory course, you will have covered all the basic principles of Persian grammar and a good scope of vocabulary to enable you to read and write simple texts in Persian with ease. You will also be able to understand and speak about everyday topics and cultural themes with ease.