

Upper Intermediate course (ISLA 543-4)

During this year, you will read a variety of news excerpts from the newspapers printed inside Iran (*Ettelā'āt*, *Keyhān*, *Sharq*, *E'temād*, *Irān*, and *Mardomsālāri*). The aim of this course is to provide you with an opportunity to read authentic texts in Persian. Through various exercises, you will be familiar with the news terminology as well as other complex expressions and proverbs used throughout the news articles.

Through extensive exercises, you will acquire the skill to grasp the information contained within each news title and sub-title. The format of the tasks is from general to specific; therefore, you will have a chance to grasp the language as a whole and then smoothly get to the subtleties in the vocabulary and structure you have encountered in the texts. Other than the textbook, every week, you will practice translating a Persian prose or poetry text. At the end of this semester, you will have acquired a vast scope of vocabulary and news terminology, as well as different ways of paraphrasing a structure to a different structure while having a similar meaning. You will be able to read and translate complex Persian texts with ease.