



PERSIAN COURSES: NATIVE SPEAKER ENROLLMENT POLICIES

UW defines a native speaker this way:

<http://www.washington.edu/students/ugrad/advising/aif/forlang.html#native>

*For purposes of exemption from the foreign-language graduation requirement (as well as for admission), a student is considered a native speaker of a foreign language if it was the language (or one of the languages) spoken in the home during the first six years of childhood and in which s/he received instruction in elementary school, through the **seventh grade** (emphasis added by NELC). Such students are exempt from the foreign-language requirement without taking a proficiency test. Students who immigrated too early in their school careers to meet the University's administrative definition of a "native speaker" may nevertheless be able to gain exemption by taking a test.*

Enrollment in language courses:

Native speakers of a language other than English are not normally allowed to earn credit for the **first two years** (In the case of Persian, 411-413 and 421-423) of college credits in their native language. Often they are allowed to earn credit at the third year (In the case of Persian, 431-432) and beyond; **ultimately**, however, the language department has the right to place the student at the appropriate level. See the specific wording below:

The Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization (NELC) states:

Student who are native speakers of Persian cannot enroll in Persian 411, 412, 413; Persian 401; Persian 421, 422, 423; or Persian 431, 432, or 433. Students who wish to study Persian and who are not sure if the UW considers them native speakers should consult with Professor Papan-Matin. Persian classes are available to non-matriculated students and Access students **only** on a space-available basis. Priority in registration will always be given to NELC majors.