Overview
The Less-Commonly-Taught Languages Center (LCTL) at the University of Pittsburgh has provided language instruction in LCTL languages for decades, with most of the current languages being offered continuously for 10 years or more. Students taking a LCTL language learn to speak, listen, read, and write in that language, just as students in commonly taught languages do. Our students stand out as individuals with a rare skill (at least for an American context), which may put them at an advantage for future job opportunities. This minor synergizes with University Center for International Studies (UCIS) certificates, acting as a stepping stone for students working towards those credentials.

The minor requires 17 credits for completion, detailed as follows. The first two required language courses are 4-credit courses; the rest of the courses are 3-credit courses.

Required language courses
- PERS 0101 Persian (Farsi) 1
- PERS 0102 Persian (Farsi) 2
- PERS 0103 Persian (Farsi) 3
- PERS 0104 Persian (Farsi) 4

Elective courses; choose one
- PERS 0105 Persian (Farsi) 5
- PERS 0106 Persian (Farsi) 6
- PERS 0107 Persian (Farsi) 7
- PERS 0108 Persian (Farsi) 8
- PERS 1909 Special Topics in Persian
- LING 1263 Cross-Cultural Communication
- LING 1951 Languages of the World
- HIST 0752 Empires of the Steppe
- HIST 0756 Introduction to Islamic Civilization
- RELGST 0455 Introduction to Islamic Civilization

Other courses may be used to fulfill this requirement with approval from the Less-Commonly-Taught Languages Center.

Grade Requirements: A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in each course that counts toward the certificate.

Satisfactory/No Credit Option: There is no limit to the number of courses that can be taken on the S/NC basis for this certificate.

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