

CES Jaam-e Urdu: Explorations in Reading and Writing (online)

Course Description:

Jaam-e Urdu: Explorations in Reading and Writing is a 10-week course geared towards **students who already have some familiarity with Urdu** (that is, those students who have studied in English-medium schools or heritage learners outside of Pakistan who wish to further develop their language skills). We will engage with a variety of texts and genres designed to increase students' reading and speaking skills in Urdu as well as giving students a broad perspective on Urdu language and literature. There will be opportunities for writing practice with the goal of improving spelling, grammar, and vocabulary. Students will have increased familiarity with idioms, proverbs and everyday phrases. Students will practice close reading and analysis of a range of texts from across the Urdu-speaking world; we will read fiction, nonfiction, and poetry in a variety of styles and from a variety of eras. This course will be conducted **online**. The primary medium of instruction will be Urdu.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course students will be able to:

- Work to correct common grammatical and pronunciation mistakes in speaking
- Gain exposure to a broad survey of Urdu literary texts and genres
- Increase students' fluency in reading and writing Urdu
- Learn close reading and analysis of literary texts
- Practice translation in Urdu