ASIAN LANGUAGES (ALAN)

ALAN 0300 Intermediate Mongolian I
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communicative methodology. Students will also have opportunity to
experience Mongolian arts, culture, and cooking in and out of class.
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complex, multi-clause sentences, telling stories, expressing their feelings,
and making arguments and explanations. They should be able to interact
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Fall
Prerequisite: ALAN 0200
1 Course Unit

ALAN 0400 Intermediate Mongolian II
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