Dear students! Welcome Back!

I hope you have had a great break and can’t wait to continue exploring the enigmatic world of Russian culture and intriguing complexities of the Russian language!
Buckle up for more fun!

COURSE OVERVIEW
This course is a second part of a year-long Intensive Elementary Russian course intended for those with very little or no previous classroom instruction in Russian. We will keep following the love affairs of Tanya, Misha, Olya and Kevin, while simultaneously acquiring new vocabulary and grammar. By the end of the course we should be able to speak, write and read Russian in basic contexts (discussing university courses, browsing the Internet, asking directions on the street, talking about hobbies, writing short notes etc.), sing a few popular Russian songs and romances, retell a couple of anecdotes, and, of course, pass ourselves off as natives at the Euro Daily grocery store on S. Walnut. Technically speaking, most students successfully completing this course will emerge from intermediate low to intermediate mid proficiency levels according to the ACTFL proficiency guidelines (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages).

EXTRACURRICULAR STUDIES & ACTIVITIES
As in the fall semester, the Slavic Department and REEI will be hosting a range of events related to Russian studies that you might find interesting. If you are on the USLAVIC email list, we’ll be sending you emails, you can also check with the REEI calendar: http://www.indiana.edu/~reeiweb/events/index.shtml.

In early February, together will thousands of students studying Russian across the U.S., we participate in the annual National Post-Secondary Russian Essay Contest sponsored by the American Council of Teachers of Russian. Sometime in late January, you will receive an email inviting your participation in this prestigious contest.

In the mid February, we will get together to celebrate Maslenitsa, which is always a great occasion to meet new friends, chat informally with your professors, sign a couple of Russian songs and romances, while devouring all those delicious Russian bliny! Keep your eyes peeled, ask your instructor!

Another big celebration – the Department’s Spring Tea – will come right at the end of the semester, at this event we usually take stock of our accomplishments over the past academic year.
If you want to explore Russian on your own, you might find the following sites interesting:

- Russian radio station *Mayak*, you won’t understand all of it but you will be able to make out some words and even phrases: http://tunein.com/tuner/?StationId=14105
- Russian search engines: www.rambler.ru; http://www.yandex.ru/

As always, if you think of interesting events we should organize or attend, let us know! **Share your ideas with us!**

If you want to further expand your cultural and linguistic experience with Russian, you may want to consider residence at the Global Village where you can room with students who also speak Russian or who are native Russian speakers themselves (http://college.indiana.edu/global/home/). Finally, you are strongly encouraged to speak as much Russian as possible outside of the classroom, especially with your fellow classmates, teachers, and other students.

**COURSE MATERIALS**

All course related materials, as well as homework assignments are available through Oncourse: https://oncourse.iu.edu/portal

**Required Materials:**
*Russian Stage One: Live from Moscow. Volume 2.* Maria D. Leki!, Dan E. Davidson, Kira S. Gor Kendall/Hunt. 2009. 2nd Edition (Textbook is available at the IU Memorial Union Bookstore) 

- DVD with Video
- Textbook
- Workbook
- Two CDs with Interactive audio and drills

**Suggested Reference Materials:**

**COURSE GRADE:**

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ATTENDANCE AND MISSED WORK
Regular class attendance is absolutely essential for your progress. You make a commitment to invest your time, energy and thought required to master this complex language, you also make a commitment to your fellow classmates to study steadily and to attend all classes regularly, lest we all waste valuable time repeating material that has already been presented in class. If you must miss class due to illness or some other legitimate reason (i.e., religious holidays), please notify the instructor in advance by sending an email. For every 3 unexcused absences your final grade will be dropped by one point.

CLASS PARTICIPATION
Class participation is one of the most important components of your performance and, consequently, your grade in this class. Your full engagement is expected. Your performance on oral assignments (e.g., preparing in advance for discussions or preparing short monologues, dialogues, or skits) will be evaluated for effort and counted toward your class participation grade.

HOMEWORK
You are expected to spend about 1-1.5 hours on your homework daily. Written homework exercises will be graded for accuracy and effort. Homework must be turned in the next day it has been assigned. For instance, the homework assigned on Monday must be turned in on Tuesday. Late homework will not be graded resulting in your losing points toward the final grade.

QUIZZES
Each unit will be accompanied with at least one vocabulary or/and grammar quiz.

UNIT WRITTEN TESTS
For each unit there will be a written test; you will be tested on your mastery of the vocabulary and grammar from the covered unit. We will have unit tests approximately every other week.

MIDTERM & FINAL WRITTEN EXAMINATION
These two exams are similar to unit tests (only slightly longer) and cover all of the material presented by the day of the exam with particular emphasis on the vocabulary and grammar learned in the last unit before the exam.

MIDTERM ORAL EXAMINATION
During oral exam you will engage in conversation covering topics that we have dealt in class – university life and family, the Internet and youth culture, your house (room); you will be also expected to compare academic life and youth culture in Russia and America. The conversation will also include such topics as Russian social institutions, households, family relations and such. Oral exam may also include a role-play which will be read to you in English and then you will be asked to act it out in Russian.
FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION
For your final oral exam, you will record yourself talk on a topic of your choice, preferably, linked to the topics discussed in class, and upload it on Oncourse. Your instructor will provide you with a list of tentative topics. If you chose a different topic, make sure you don’t exceed the 5-new-word requirement, that is you don’t use more than five new words in your talk. The whole recording should not exceed 3 minutes.

EXTRA CREDIT
Students regularly participating in the Russian Table or other activities organized by the Slavic Department will receive 3% toward their final grade.

SPECIAL NEEDS
Students with special learning needs are asked to discuss them with the instructor as soon as possible. We are committed to providing instruction to all learners.

FINAL WRITTEN EXAMINATION
You can find the date of the written final exam at the:
http://enrollmentbulletin.indiana.edu/pages/finexpol.php?Term=2