Instructor: Steven Franks (franks@indiana.edu)
Class meeting: 2:30–3:45 Tuesday/Thursday in BH304
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Course Description:
Mastery of basic grammar followed by vocabulary building. Active control of Russian structure needed for productive reading; emphasis on problems of translation.

Course Requirements and Grading:
1) Participation is worth 10%.
2) There will be four translation/grammar tests, on Thursday of weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, each worth 10%.
3) There will be four unscheduled quizzes, each worth 5%.
   NB: These will be announced no later than the day before. No make ups.
4) Final projects are worth 30%.

Materials:
Irene Thompson, Reading Real Russian, 2nd ed. (Columbus, OH: Prentice Hall, 1991).
Other materials as needed.

Tentative Schedule:
Week 1 (12, 14 January) Review: case usage, verb forms, prepositions, generally useful phrases for reading. Handouts: paradigm and declension charts for completion, lists of useful phrases for memorization.

Week 2 (19, 21 January) Begin Karpovich: Lines 1–119
Week 3 (26, 28 January) Lines 120–229
Week 4 (2, 4 February) Lines 230–366
Week 5 (9, 11 February) Lines 367–476
Week 6 (16, 18 February) Lines 477–591
Week 7 (23, 25 February) Lines 592–780
Week 8 (1, 3 March) Lines 781–870
Week 9 (8, 10 March) Lines 871–908; Overview and discussion

Spring Break

Weeks 10–14 Group and individual readings, t.b.a.

Week 15 (26, 28 April) Preparation for final project. The final project will be individual presentations (including parsing and translation) of a short reading to the class. Each student will have a different reading selected together with the instructor. Students must post their final reading to Oncourse by 2 May 2015. The presentations will be given at a time of mutual agreement during that week.