

**Model United Nations  
IAFF 300  
Spring 2007**

Mondays, 5:30-8:15pm, RSJ 102  
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**Course Objectives**

The Model UN course is designed to acquaint students with the operations of the United Nations through the study of political positions of member states (currently Syria, Sudan, Colombia, Norway and Jamaica). Additionally, students will achieve a level of understanding in the use of simulation activities as a means for teaching and learning about the political perspectives of different nationalities on contemporary world issues. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Articulate the foreign policy of the selected country,
- Define the structures and general procedures of the United Nations,
- Describe important historical issues affecting the UN and evaluate the organization's effectiveness,
- Analyze an issue currently before the United Nations from the selected member nation's perspective,
- Understand and competently use the rules of procedure, diplomatic protocol, and negotiating techniques common to UN delegates.

**Course Scope and Content**

The scope of the course is necessarily limited by the time constraints (i.e. we only have seven meetings to accomplish a lot of tasks!). It will encompass the study of the United Nations and related organizations, background research on a selected member nation and topical research on two or three issues currently before the UN. We will also focus on learning the rules of procedure, the art of diplomacy, negotiating skills, and public speaking.

**Course Description**

During this session we will explore the purpose and functions of international organizations. The United Nations will be covered in detail. Students will be afforded the opportunity to simulate UN functions and debate major issues of the United Nations. Students who successfully complete the requirements may attend the MUNFW conference in April. Students who fail to meet the requirements for conference attendance or who choose not to attend the conference will be required to present a 35 minute lecture on another international organization (NATO, OAS, EU, etc) to the class.

**Required Texts**

- Issues Before the 57th Session of MUNFW
- Delegate Handbook - Books 1, 2 & 3

Both texts are available as downloads from the MUNFW web site

**Requirements for Conference Attendance**

All work must be submitted on the date requested. No late work will be accepted (except in cases of serious illness). Students who submit late work will be excluded from conference attendance.

- Research work appropriate for understanding of the Model United Nations and assigned committee,

- One page paper and group presentation describing your assigned country's political system, economic system, military structure, social & cultural system, or foreign policy (select aspect most interesting to you). Due on February 12
- Three, half page policy statements on the assigned topics. These must be perfectly typed. A cover page must be attached which indicates that your policy statements have been read and accepted by other members of your country, each signature must appear on a cover page (paper clip only, please). Due on February 26
- One resolution on an agenda item. Due on March 5
- Class Notebook - Containing all class handouts, all research work, and a Journal with entries for all meetings, research, and classes, etc. (in other words: a detailed dairy of everything you do in and out of class related to class). This notebook will be due prior to conference for grading and returned. You are expected to maintain the notebook during conference and hand it in at the end of the term as your class project.
- A Final Exam - The Final Exam will cover various international organizations including, but not limited to those which are part of the United Nations.

### Notebook Outline

Course Packet

Additional Class handouts

All additional research materials collected by you

All policy statements for your country

All resolutions ( for your country from class and for your committee from conference)

Journal

### Grading Scale

Policy Statements	30
Resolutions	10
Rules Test	20
Speeches	20
Notebook	30
Conference attendance*	30
Class Preparation**	20
Class Attendance	20
Final Exam	<u>20</u>
	200

\* Points are given for going to conference not for performance at conference

\*\* Second & third year students are held to a higher standard.

191 - 200	=	A
181 - 190	=	B
171 - 180	=	C
161 - 170	=	D

## **Tentative Class Schedule**

### *Week 1 (January 22)*

Introduction to the Course  
Country & Topic Assignments  
MUN Funding  
Introduction to International Organizations  
Model UN Club Meeting

### *Week 2 (January 29—late start at 6pm!!)*

Why the UN was Formed  
Organizational Structure  
Discussion of International Organizations  
Sample Debate

### *Week 3 (February 5)*

How to Prepare Policy Statements & Resolutions  
Introduction to the Rules of MUNFW

### *Week 4 (February 12)*

Country Presentations (max 20 minutes per country)  
**Country Profiles Due**

### *Week 5 (February 26)*

Rules Practice  
Discussion of General Debate Speeches  
**Policy Statements Due**

### *Week 6 (March 5)*

Mock Session  
**Resolutions Due**

### *Week 7 (March 12 no class)*

Mock Session

### *Week 8 (March 26)*

General Debate Speeches

### *Week 9 (April 2)*

Substantive Debate Speeches

### *Week 10 (April 9)*

Rules Practice  
General Review & Discussion

## **April 13-17 Conference in San Francisco**

Week 12 (April 23) no class, recovery

### *Week 13 (April 30) **Final exam***

**Notebooks Due for Review**