

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY  
Department of Political Science Fall  
2009 Model United Nations POSC  
311-01

*Tuesday 5:00-6:15pm*  
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Course Description:

This course is composed of an examination of the bodies, committees and agencies of the United Nations and is designed to simulate several of their activities. Research and simulations for the various committees and their topics will be pursued. Because the course involves a student organization, it is expected that students will be responsible for administering and leading the simulations. It is important to note that the class is typically composed of both veterans and newcomers to the Model United Nations experience. Both are welcome. Every effort will be made to assist new students.

**\*\*\*It is important to note that the Club meets at the same time (5:00 pm Tuesdays) as the Model UN class period, however the following exceptions apply specifically to club members**

1. Attendance at fifty percent of all meetings is mandatory for those wishing to attend conferences
2. Club dues are \$25 a semester to be paid in full by the third meeting of the semester for club members accepted to go to a conference
3. Those club members wishing to attend conferences must attend the majority of fundraisers

Course Objectives:

The goals of this course will be the following:

1. Introduce students to the history and structure of the United Nations and the Model United Nations organizations.
2. Simulate debate about current events involving the United Nations and all of its member states.

- Promote cultural awareness and understanding through participation in national and international conferences.

#### Course Evaluation:

10 points= Country Sheet filled out with appropriate data

20 points= Attendance & Participation

30 points= Evaluation about country and UN knowledge

40 points= Conference Preparation & Participation OR Final Project

#### Required Readings:

Recommended Readings: *The New York Times*

Glennon, Michael. 2003. "The UN vs. US Power." *Foreign Affairs*. May/June.

#### Course Attendance and Participation:

Because so much of the class is based on class participation, attendance at weekly class meetings is critical. Each student is expected to prepare for class by completing the readings and research for in-class debate and conferences. Any absences should be avoided. If any emergencies occur, please contact the advisor. In the case of excessive absences, you could be asked to provide documentation. Class participation is required. Students are expected to respond to questions asked during class and are encouraged to ask any questions they have about the reading material, lecture subjects, or the general subject matter.

#### Final Project:

The final project will be assigned to all of those students who do NOT attend a conference. This project will be an in-class presentation. It will be prepared and presented in groups of two students. The guidelines for the presentation include: 1) a ten minute presentation of a country or NGO, 2) highlight the country's political history, governmental structure, leader, military, economy, geography, demographics, regional and international disputes, culture, and major domestic issues, and 3) transparencies, power point, and/or handouts. Each member of the group will be expected to contribute to the presentation. One week after the presentation is delivered to the class, a two to three page paper reviewing the presentation and the country will be due at the beginning of class. This paper will review the basic statistics on the country, review the prior oral presentation, and comment on how each member of the group contributed to the presentation before and during the in class exercise. Each student will do his/her paper individually! A works cited page that lists all sources referenced will be due with the paper - any professionally excepted bibliographical format will be fine.

#### Violations of Clemson Student Handbook Rules:

Violations of Clemson Student Handbook rules will not be tolerated. Specifically, cheating and plagiarism will result in a grade of Zero for the exam in question, and either offense may result in administrative action.

Academic Integrity:

"As members of the Clemson University community, we have inherited Thomas Green Clemson's vision of this institution as a 'high seminary of learning.' Fundamental to this vision is a mutual commitment to truthfulness, honor, and responsibility, without which we cannot earn the trust and respect of others. Furthermore, we recognize that academic dishonesty detracts from the value of a Clemson degree. Therefore, we shall not tolerate lying, cheating, or stealing in any form."

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CUMUN Officers:

Secretary-General: Rachel Griffin

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CONFERENCES:

**\*\*\*NCSC Georgetown, DC October 8-11 ( Not confirmed conference)**  
**[www.ncsc.modelun.org](http://www.ncsc.modelun.org)**

**DISC Durham, NC October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2009 (entry fee has been paid)**  
**[www.dukeisc.org/DISC](http://www.dukeisc.org/DISC)**

**SRMUN Atlanta, GA November 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2009 (entry fee has been paid)**  
**[www.srmun.org](http://www.srmun.org)**

All conference attendees are contractually obliged to attend the conferences they are scheduled to attend. If a student assigned to go to a conference does not show up to the conference then that student may receive a failing grade for the semester. In addition, that student will be expected to reimburse the university/MUN all monies paid for their portion of the conference (ie. travel, hotel, registration, food, etc.). In other words, if you sign up to go to a conference and you are accepted as a conference participant then you must go to that conference.

### WEEK BY WEEK SCHEDULE

TU, August 25, 2009

Orientation session

Election of new officers

Discuss likely conferences for fall semester

TU, Sept. 1

Everyone should indicate what conferences they are interested in attending and rank their preferences.

Session on parliamentary procedure

TU, Sept 8 UN bodies, country assignments/partners (for the various MUN conferences)

APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SET FOR INTERVIEWS BY MUN OFFICERS OF VARIOUS CANDIDATES TO MUN CONFERENCES;

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES TO BE NOTIFIED AND VARIOUS MUN CONFERENCE CONTACT PERSONS TO BE GIVEN THE EXACT NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE CLEMSON MUN DELEGATION

DEADLINES WILL BE SET FOR GIVING SIGNED CONTRACTS TO MUN OFFICERS FOR THE VARIOUS MUN CONFERENCES

TU, Sept. 15 Simulation/Position Papers

VARIOUS CLASSES TO CONTINUE PRACTICE OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AND INCLUDING THIS IN SIMULATIONS

TU, Sept. 22 Speaking Practice/techniques/Simulation

TU, Sept. 29 Resolution writing/simulation

TU, Oct. 6 Resolution writing/simulation

LAST DAY TO PREPARE FOR CONFERENCE AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

**DISC Durham, NC October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2009**  
[www.dukeisc.org/DISC](http://www.dukeisc.org/DISC) (UNIVERSITY FEE ALREADY PAID)

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TU, OCT 13 NO CLASS/FALL BREAK

TU, Oct 20

Report by DISC/Duke University MUN delegation  
Preparations continue for SRMUN in Atlanta

TU, Oct 27 REGULAR MEETINGS DURING REMAINDER OF COURSE;  
SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED INCLUDING PLANNING FOR MUN IN SPRING 2009

TU, Nov 3

TU, Nov 10

CUMUN conference Nov. 11-14 (high school conference in Clemson sponsored by Clemson University)

SMUN, Nov. 12-15 (MUN conference in Sweden)

TU, Nov 17

**SRMUN Atlanta, GA November 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2009**  
**[www.srmun.org](http://www.srmun.org)**

TU, Nov 24

TU, Dec. 1