



NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

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I. OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

The course aim is to provide a comprehensive inside into the internal process and external impacts of the United Nations and its policies. The classes will deal with the understanding of the UN system, with primary focus on the preparation for a learning program known as the *National Model United Nations*. A conference series simulation of the NMUN is organized annually by the *National Collegiate Conference Association (NCCA)* from 1968 in New York City. Students will be given the opportunity to enhance their skills in resolution writing, negotiations and argumentation.

II. STRUCTURE OF LESSONS

The NMUN Course will be held in a few intensive panels starting 1st week of fall semester 2018, i. e. September 21st. Following lessons will be taught on Fridays as listed on timetable below and are subjects of change. Please note that simulation exam will take two-days blocs and will begin on Thursday evening (date TBA after agreement with students and lecturers).

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

Students will be introduced to the basics of the UN system and more importantly to the NMUN rules of procedure. Therefore, **the attendance is compulsory, and thus a part of evaluation**. One missed class (i.e. one lesson/panel) is acceptable. However, two or more missed classes must be excused by email or in person. Though, bear in mind you may not miss simulation sessions on Fridays. Only students with no abstentions will be chosen from to join the NMUN NYC Conference 2019. **Please note**, that full acquaintance with the course content is required regardless of attendance. In addition, students have to be able to apply the full scope of knowledge and skills in the Fridays' simulations to qualify for conference participation. Full attendance is therefore strongly encouraged.

The Course requires a substantial amount of initiative from the students' side and preparation in advance as activity will be determining factor for selection of the NYC NMUN Delegation members. It is necessary to check regularly the *DPES Board* for current information.

Additionally, the **UN news will be discussed every week** as well as the reading of *NMUN Delegate Preparation Guide* and *NMUN Rules of Procedures* is obligatory. PowerPoint presentations, documents and other Course sources will be sent to your University emails.

IV. EVALUATION OF THE COURSE

To pass the Course, a student needs to get at least 70 points (or 70 %) of the total of 100. The NMUN simulation will be considered as the **NMUN Course exam**. Your attendance is required and cannot be excused!

Points will be awarded based on the following tasks:

Speeches

25 points

- Presentation and timing (1-2 min)
You will perform at least *two speeches* during the Simulation day. Your speeches are to be presented in a manner appropriate to your role as a diplomatic representative, both in terms of language (grammar and style) and overall presentation (sensitivity to the international context). It is important to adhere to the defined time limit/page count, while keeping focus on key points.

Position Paper

50 points

- Length must not exceed two standard pages
- The text (.doc/.docx only!) of the body must be between 10pt. or 12pt. font, Times New Roman
- Country/NGO name, school name and committee name, agenda topic clearly labeled on the page
- Agenda topics clearly divided into separate sections

Please submit your PP at ivana.castulikova01@upol.cz before the deadline.

No PPs will be considered after the deadline on **November 30th 2018 at 8 pm CET!**

The speeches and PP will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Clear and diplomatic expression of your state's opinion
- Address the significant concerns and suggest appropriate solution
- Use suitable language, both in terms of linguistics and appropriateness
- Keep relevance and factual accuracy: speeches and position papers must clearly and unambiguously reflect the position of your assigned country, based on reliable sources. Please do research, be sure to use relevant sources (in the case of PP preparation do cite all of your sources and information in footnotes for lecturer in order to avoid accusation of plagiarism).

Plagiarism will not be tolerated at any point!

NMUN Committee Session Simulation

25 points

- Ability to apply the skills, principles and rules of procedures of the NMUN covered by the course
- Capacity to express, defend and negotiate the position of your assigned country
- Personal activity and initiative in both formal and informal sessions

V. NYC CONFERENCE

DPES plans to send a joint delegation with Valdosta State University to the NMUN conference in New York. Only students who have 100 % of attendance and have demonstrated sufficient initiative during the lessons would be eligible for selection for this event.

Please note, the selection process will also be open to students of the NMUN Class of 2017 when attending final, exam simulation of this Course.

VI. COURSE OVERVIEW

Seminars and lectures:
Fridays 9.30-11.00, 11.30-13.00
room 2.31

1st SESSION: September 21st

Introduction to the NMUN Course and its syllabus
Questions

2nd SESSION: October 5th

Introduction to the UN
The United Nations Basics
The UN 73rd General Assembly Session, current strategies and priorities

3rd SESSION: October 12th

The NMUN Rules I. (Formal and Informal Session)
The NMUN Rules II. (Position Paper, Speech)

4th SESSION: October 19th

NMUN Rules III. (Working Papers and Working Drafts/Resolutions)
NMUN Rules IV. (Voting procedures, amendments, division of the question)

5th SESSION: October 26th

Simulation (preparation for the Exam)

The National Model United Nations simulations are being held at ***The Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP)*** when discussing

1. *The Role of Youth in Achieving the Paris Agreement*
2. *Capacity-Building for Combating Climate Change in Developing Countries*
3. *Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change*

Please note, you will be asked to give speeches of your state's opinion on chosen topic listed above as a preparation for the NMUN Simulation Exam. Your performance will receive comments.

Please, do send your (one topic only) PP before the deadline on November 2nd 2018 at 8 pm CET at ivana.castulikova01@upol.cz

6th SESSION November 16th

Position Paper Reviews

7TH SESSION November 29th and 30th

Exam Simulation

Exam PP due November 30th 2018 at 8 pm CET at lecturer's email.