

SSU Model United Nations Course - POLS 345



APPLICATIONS FOR THE SPRING 2024 MODEL UNITED NATIONS COURSE ARE NOW OPEN.
THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY 11/17/23.



Model UN has a long and rich history at Sonoma State University. For many years we have sent a delegation to the prestigious National Model United Nations Conference in New York City, where more than 400 schools and 5000 students participate in one of the largest annual simulations of the UN, just blocks away from the real-world UN Headquarters. While in New York, we meet with the Permanent UN Mission of the country we are representing prior to the conference, which gives our students the chance to meet with real-world UN ambassadors. We also spend one day at UN Headquarters, with committees meeting in the General Assembly Hall of the UN itself. In recent years SSU has represented Nigeria, Ireland, France, Serbia, Ukraine, Iran, Venezuela, Cuba, The United States, and Denmark. The SSU Delegation has been assigned to represent Argentina at the 2024 NMUN Conference.

Sonoma State University's delegation has a national reputation for excellence and, since 2012, we have received numerous awards for Best Position Papers, Outstanding Delegates in Committee, Distinguished Delegation in 2023, and Outstanding Delegation (first place award) in 2019.

The course itself is a demanding, upper-division Political Science course in International Relations. All students approved for the course are expected to be active participants in the entire SSU Model UN experience: both Course and Conference. The course is open to juniors and seniors in all majors, and demand is high: there are 20 seats open for Spring 2024. All applicants are expected to have completed or be concurrently enrolled in POLS 304 'Intro to International Relations' or an equivalent upper division International Relations, Global Governance, World Regions, or Comparative Political Systems (or similar) course at SSU (or another university).

The course will meet Thursdays from 5 to 8:40 p.m. in Spring 2024. A course fee of \$500 is required. All expenses of air fare and lodging in Midtown Manhattan, New York City for the NMUN Conference April 1st through 5th will be covered by the university. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

If you are interested in being considered for a spot in the Model UN course this Spring, please submit the application questionnaire by Friday 11/17/23. You may then be asked to an informal interview so that I can get to know you better.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,
Professor John H. Nardine
(Model UN Faculty Advisor)
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MUN APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

First Name (as registered): _____

Last Name (as registered): _____

Prefer to be called: _____

Pronouns: _____

Email Address _____

Student Rank (Junior, Senior): _____

Major: _____

Minor or 2nd Major: _____

Have you taken POLS 304 'Intro to International Relations' or an equivalent upper division International Relations, Global Governance, World Regions, or Comparative Political Systems (or similar) course at SSU (or another university)? Yes No

If not, are you willing to 'read up' to acquire this knowledge? Yes No

Relevant Coursework or Self-Study in International Relations, Global Studies, World Regions, Comparative Political Systems, etc.? Yes No

Relevant Work, Internship, Volunteer, or Hobby Experience?

Leadership in Organizations Experience (Greek, Athletics, Church, etc.)?

Honors or Awards (Deans List, Scholarships, etc.)?

Study, Work, Residency, or Extended Travel Abroad?

2nd Languages Studied or Spoken Fluently?

Foreign Country Most Knowledgeable About and How?

Please complete the short essay responses on the next page

SHORT ESSAY RESPONSES

- 1) Short Essay Response: Please explain how your study, work, and/or life experiences will make your participation in SSU's MUN Delegation a valuable asset—a strong chain link—to the team by explaining a time when your contributions to a team effort promoted the group's goals and not necessarily your own.

- 2) Short Essay Response: Please provide an example of a complex and demanding project in either your study, work, or personal life that has prepared you to produce quality work even under challenging circumstances in the Model United Nations course, the Delegation, and NMUN Conference.

- 3) Short Essay Response: Please explain how your study, work, or life experience has prepared you to be an ethical, responsible, empathic, and adult member of the team who places value on the worth of others' opinions, voices, and viewpoints.

- 4) Short Essay Response: Please explain whether you are prepared to use any means necessary to win a debate so that your team's position becomes policy.

APPLICATION DEADLINE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH 2023 AT 11:59 P.M.

Submit via application drop box - See QR code on the right

