

Spring 2012
Political Science 152B, TTh 9:00-10:15
Model United Nations
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Course Objectives: In general, the purpose of this course is to help students acquire an understanding of citizenship, the role of the citizen in a global context and to appreciate the importance of lifelong participation in the political process. Toward this end, the purpose of this course is to prepare students to participate in the 63rd Model United Nations (MUN) conference. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Burlingame, California, April 20-24, 2012 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday). The conference will involve four days of intense debate, speech making, caucusing, resolution, and coalition building with hundreds of delegates representing over 50 colleges and universities from throughout the United States. Hotel cost (4 people per room), registration fees, and most other expenses may be subsidized by the University (use of telephone, parking, and property damages not included). This year, SJSU will represent three countries: **Israel, Iran, and North Korea (DPRK)**.

Israel has a total of 4 seats (General Assembly, Fourth Committee, Sixth Committee, and International Atomic Energy Agency IAEA).

North Korea has a total of 4 seats (General Assembly, Fourth Committee, Sixth Committee, and IAEA).

Iran has a total of 4 seats (General Assembly, Fourth Committee, Sixth Committee, and IAEA).

In addition, each country can have a representative in the World Press (WP).

This year's theme is: **Cutting the Gordian Knot: Addressing the International Community's Greatest Problems**

Requirements: This is a Credit/No Credit course. To receive credit students must attend class sessions and participate in the four-day conference (All four days), and display appropriate behavior and decorum during the conference.

The key to success is preparation. To do well and enjoy this unique experience you need to:

1. Understand how the UN works. We will go over these points with students from previous sessions.
2. Familiarize yourself with the country you represent and where it stands on the various issues the committee you sits on will be handling; and
3. Familiarize yourself with the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, known as P rules.

This course involves two stages: preparation and taking part in the four-day meeting.

Preparation. This involves the following:

1. Choose one of the three countries (Israel, North Korea, Iran)). This is done during the second semester meeting.
2. Choose a committee/organ. This is also done in the second class meeting.
3. Each group chooses one group member to act as the group's coordinator.
4. Each group writes a country profile. This is a 5-6-page overview of the country. Follow the format suggested in the MUNFW web. This is a group effort and every member of the group does their share.
5. Each student writes a committee statement for EACH issue his/her committee is handling. Follow the format suggested in the MUNFW web.
6. Each student write(s) one or two resolutions on each of the issues his/her committee is handling. See MUNFW for format and suggestions.
7. If you need additional help, consult the MUNFW Assimilation booklet (online).

Conference Participation. This is the main event and last four days (April 20-24, 2012). You have to be there all four days. You need to go to the meetings of the committee/organ you sit and participate in the process. This is a must.

Finally, each student must submit a two-page report outlining his/her impressions and lessons learned.

Due Dates: Please keep to these dates.

Country Profile, February 18
Committee Statements, March 6
Resolutions, March 8
Articles for WP, March 8
Final Report, May 22

NOTE: No late assignments will be accepted!!!!!! Failure to submit even a single assignment on time will result in an automatic NC. Remember that this is a group effort; failure of one member to deliver hurts the entire group.

Important Information: In order to be an effective delegate and benefit from the conference, students must know well the country they represent and its official position on the various issues scheduled for discussion and debate. Consult *Current History*, *The Economist*, *The New York Times*, as well as Internet facilities (worldnewspapers.com).

For online help with resolutions, committee statements, etc. see
<<http://www.munfw.org/delegates/prep.htm>> Also, to prepare yourself, look at the Advisor page
<<http://www.munfw.org/advisors/advisors.htm>>. This has a Conference Preparation Guide.

SJSU Desire2Learn: The course will make use of the SJSU Desire2Learn system <<http://online.sjsu.edu/>> Find the courses link, and go to Spring 2011. Scroll down to Political Science 152b and click the "Model United Nations" link. The login is your 9-digit student ID number.