

**POLS 4365.001 – Model United Nations**  
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The Model United Nation class will explore not only assigned country positions, but will also focus on the rules of procedure of the United Nations. The class aims at developing students' analytical, speaking and writing skills as they learn how to write position papers, reports and resolutions and will practice public speaking techvital to a successful performance at the NMUN Conference in New York City in April 2009. This section of the course no longer constitutes a typical lecture course, but involves more independent student research, simulations, and other forms of student participation. Thus, the MUN class provides hands on experience as the UT Tyler students assume the identity of diplomats representing Kazakhstan at the United Nations. The knowledge that students gain in this class will allow them to successfully compete at the NMUN Conference, by expressing Kazakhstan's positions, by building alliances with like-minded states to draft and pass resolutions when addressing the agenda topics.

**Learning Outcomes:**

After successfully completing this course, students should be able to demonstrate:

- familiarity with UN and NMUN Conference
- excellent position paper writing and resolution drafting skills
- an understanding of the process of debate at the UN
- strong analytical and strategy building abilities

**Office Hours:**

Tuesday, Thursday 9:30 – 11:00 am

By appointment

**Class Meetings:**

Class will meet Wednesdays in BUS 259 at 6pm.

**Text:**

2009 National Model United Nations Handbook distributed during the Fall Semester.

**Course Requirements:**

1. Class attendance is mandatory
2. Successful completion of position papers, resolutions and strategy plans by assigned dates.
3. Attendance at the 2009 NMUN Conference is required for a successful completion of the course.
4. Business-casual attire is recommended.

**Grading Policy:**

There will be no exams in this portion of the class. However, students will receive grades on their weekly

assignments. There will be a total of 15 daily assignments, each worth 10 points (total of 150 points). 2009 NMUN Conference participation will count for 250 points and is mandatory. In addition, the final paper will be worth 100. Presence and participation in events associated with the United Nations is mandatory. (I will announce these throughout the course of the semester)

A=400-360 points

B=359-320 points

C=319-280 points

D=279-260 points

F=259 or fewer points

### **Grade Replacement:**

If you are repeating this course for a grade replacement, you must file **an intent** to receive grade forgiveness with the registrar by the 12th day of class. Failure to file **an intent** to use grade forgiveness will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. A student will receive grade forgiveness (grade replacement) for only three (undergraduate student) or two (graduate student) course repeats during his/her career at UT Tyler.

### **Policy Regarding Academic Dishonesty:**

Academic dishonesty is against university as well as community standards Academic dishonesty is defined as cheating, plagiarism, or otherwise obtaining grades under false pretenses.

**Plagiarism** is defined as submitting the language, ideas, thoughts or work of another as one's own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ use of direct quotations without quotation marks and without credit to the source;
- ❖ paraphrasing or using direct quotations within quotation marks without credit to the source;
- ❖ failure to provide adequate citations for material obtained through electronic research;
- ❖ downloading and submitting work from electronic data bases without citation;
- ❖ submitting material created/written by someone else as one's own, including purchased term/research papers;
- ❖ allowing someone to copy or submit one's work as his/her own;
- ❖ participation in a group project which presents plagiarized materials;
- ❖ submitting the same paper in more than one course without the knowledge and approval of the instructors involved;
- ❖ assisting in the act of plagiarism by allowing one's work to be used in this fashion;
- ❖ aiding and abetting another student's dishonesty.

**Cheating** is defined generally as copying from someone else's exam, homework or laboratory work. Types of cheating include but are not limited to:

- ❖ using notes or other materials during a test or exam without authorization;
- ❖ obtaining or providing unauthorized information during an examination through verbal, visual, or unauthorized use of books, notes, texts, or other materials;
- ❖ obtaining or providing information concerning all or part of an examination prior to that examination;
- ❖ taking an examination for another student or arranging for another person to take an exam in one's place;
- ❖ altering or changing test answers after submitting it for grading or after grades have been awarded;
- ❖ releasing information about an examination to anyone who has yet to take the examination

***Disciplinary procedures of incident of academic dishonesty may result in any of the following:***

(1) permanent dismissal from the university; (2) suspension from the university for not less than one semester; (3) outright failure of the course (an automatic final grade of "F"); (4) canceling the student's enrollment in the class without a grade ("W"); (5) awarding a failing grade on the exam, test, or assignment in question; (6) requiring the student to take another examination or test on the same material or to resubmit the paper or assignment based on a specific topic.

*In all cases of substantive academic dishonesty*, a permanent record of academic discipline will be established in the Office of the Dean of Students. These records are searched regularly by governmental agencies, licensing authorities, certification authorities, and others. The existence of such a record can bar entry to many occupations.

**Disability Statement:**

"If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request disability support services/accommodation(s), please contact Ida MacDonald in the Disability Support Services office so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting disability support services/accommodation(s) must provide appropriate documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Support Services counselor. For more information, call or visit the Student Services Center located in the University Center, Room 282. The telephone number is 566-7079 (TDD 565-5579)." Additional information may also be obtained at the following UT Tyler Web address: <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>.

**Social Security Statement:**

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming, so that all students have an assigned identification number.

**Note Regarding Student Absence due to Religious Observance:**

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor by the second class meeting of such absences.

**Course Outline:**

**Introduction**

**Part One: Resolution and Report Writing**

## Part Two: The Process of Debate

## Part Three: Rules of Procedure

### Class Schedule

January 14:	Introduction; Model UN Video.
January 21:	Resolution Writing; Strategy building. <b>Deadline: <u>refined position paper</u>.</b>
January 28:	Resolution Writing. <b>Deadline: <u>refined position paper</u>.</b>
February 4:	Report Writing. <b>Deadline: <u>refined position paper</u>.</b>
February 11:	Process of Debate: Opening and Closing Sessions; MUN Movie. <b>Deadline: <u>refined position paper</u>.</b>
February 18:	Process of Debate: Formal Debate. <b>Deadline: <u>refined position paper</u>; <u>resolution or report</u>.</b>
February 25:	Process of Debate: Informal Debate. <b>Deadline: <u>final position paper</u>; <u>resolution or report</u>.</b>
March 4:	Caucus and Speech Strategies. Rules of Procedure: Mock Rules Simulation. <b>Deadline: <u>resolution or report</u>.</b>
March 11:	Spring Break
March 18:	Mock Rules Simulation. <b>Deadline: <u>resolution or report</u>; <u>sample speech strategies</u>.</b>
March 25:	Speech Strategies. <b>Deadline: <u>resolution or report</u>; <u>sample speech strategies</u>; <u>*summary and feedback of the Human Rights discussion</u>.</b>
April 1:	Speech Strategies; Public Speaking. <b>Deadline: <u>resolution or report</u>; <u>sample speech strategies</u>.</b>
April 8:	2009 NMUN Conference, New York, NY
April 15:	
April 22:	
April 29:	Final Paper
May 6:	
May 13:	Last day of class