

The University of Texas at Tyler

Model United Nations I

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T/TH 11-12:20pm (Hybrid)

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Please check Canvas for announcements.

Office Hours: Office hours will be held T/TH from 9:30 am to 10:30 am and Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm or by appointment. Office hours will be virtual, but students during this time can expect immediate response from me with email.

Form of Contact:

Email: msalgado@uttyler.edu

- Please send an email from your patriots' email only as I will not respond to emails from any other accounts. Email is the best way to contact me.
- During weekdays students can expect an email back within 24 hours, on weekends students can expect at least 48 hours before a response back.
- Please make sure you are paying attention to announcements on Canvas, since this is a fully online class my main form of communication with you all will be through announcements on Canvas.

Course Information:

This course will explore the basic foundations of international relations as well as the development of key international organizations (with emphasis on the United Nations). In addition to these theoretical and historic discussions, we will also be exploring many of the key issues that humans are dealing with today.

The course will be divided into two parts.

1. The first part will introduce the students to core aspects of international relations, international institutions (specifically the UN), and contemporary issues in global studies. Students will examine many of the issues and challenges currently on the UN's agenda.
2. The second part of the course will consist of a "mock" Model United Nations. Students will learn how to prepare for Model United Nations conferences. Particular

attention will be paid to comprehending and analyzing issues, learning parliamentary procedure (as it applies to Model UN conferences), and technical writing of position papers as expected of Model UN delegates. Using topics and issues discussed at previous Model United Nations conferences; we will conduct our own mini-Model UN within the course structure.

In the second part of the course, we shift from a typical lecture environment to one of more active participation. The students will engage in research, simulations, debates, and presentations. The students will assume the identity of diplomats representing a country in the United Nations. They will learn about parliamentary procedure in the United Nations, write and respond to resolutions, form alliances with like-minded countries to pass these resolutions and respond to international incidents. This will prepare students to become delegates at the National Model United Nations conference held in New York City in the Spring semester. Please note, however, that enrollment in the Fall Model UN course does not guarantee participation in the National Model United Nations conference.

Learning Outcomes:

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

- familiarity with the historical development of international organizations
- basic knowledge of the structure and purpose of the United Nations
- an understanding of the inner workings of the United Nations
- basic knowledge and understanding of many of the issues currently on the agenda of the United Nations
- familiarity with the assigned country
- familiarity with rules and procedures of Model UN
- familiarity with writing position papers and resolution

Readings

Readings will be available through Canvas. Ultimately, it is your responsibility to obtain the required reading for each class and come to class prepared to discuss that day's readings.

Assignments and Attendance

Class attendance is expected of students whether it is face to face or virtual. Class grades will be determined by the following break-down:

Small Assignments: Small assignments will be given throughout the semester, most of these will have to deal with writing short paragraphs to get used to writing for Model UN classes.

Exam: There will be one midterm exam in this course. Material for this exam will cover information discussed in class. Most of the material will come from international relations lectures, and the United Nations lectures. The exam will be given online and will be short answer/essay format.

Research Paper and Presentation: Students will have a research paper and a presentation due over the Sustainable Development Goals. Presentation will be the week of October 6 and expectations will be discussed in class.

Model UN Mock Simulation: In this course we will have a mini model UN simulation where we will practice rules of procedure, make speeches, and work on position papers as well as resolutions papers. Each part of this process is critical in learning about Model UN and how to be delegates at the conference itself.

Position Papers and Resolution Papers: Position Papers are an incredibly important part of the conference, and we will be going over how to research, and write for these papers. Resolution Papers are what students work on together when they are at the actual conference and we will learn how these are written along with learning how to collaborate with one another during conference.

Assessment of Student Learning:

Small Assignments 10%

Midterm Exam 20%

Research Paper and Presentation 20%

Model UN Mock Simulation 25%

Position Papers and Resolutions 25%

UT Tyler Student's Rights & Responsibilities:

For more on your rights and responsibilities: <https://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php> (Links to an external site.).

Important Covid-19 Information for Classrooms and Laboratories

Students are required to wear face masks covering their nose and mouth, and follow social distancing guidelines, at all times in public settings (including classrooms and laboratories), as specified by [Procedures for Fall 2020 Return to Normal Operations \(Links to an external site.\)](#). The UT Tyler community of Patriots views adoption of these practices consistent with its [Honor Code \(Links to an external site.\)](#) and a sign of good citizenship and respectful care of fellow classmates, faculty, and staff.

Students who are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, or a higher than normal temperature will be excused from class and should stay at home and may join the class remotely. Students who have difficulty adhering to the Covid-19 safety policies for health reasons are also encouraged to join the class remotely. Students needing additional accommodations may contact the Office of Student Accessibility and Resources at University Center 3150, or call (903) 566-7079 or email saroffice@uttyler.edu.

Recording of Class Sessions

Class sessions may be recorded by the instructor for use by students enrolled in this course. Recordings that contain personally identifiable information or other information subject to FERPA shall not be shared with individuals not enrolled in this course unless appropriate consent is obtained from all relevant students. Class recordings are reserved only for the use of students enrolled in the course and only for educational purposes. Course recordings should not be shared outside of the course in any form without express permission.

UT Tyler Honor Code

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

UT Tyler Resources for Students

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu
- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)

Students Rights and Responsibilities

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors. Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless

tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products. There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support.

For more information on cessation programs please visit www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free.

Campus Carry

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly

and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar. Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract. The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date). Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability/Accessibility Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Texas at Tyler offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including a non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of

modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit

<https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director of Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079.

Student Absence due to Religious Observance

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

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA 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 identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Student Standards of Academic Conduct

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit

such acts.

1. "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

- copying from another student's test paper;
- using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
- possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
- using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
- collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
- discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
- divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
- substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
- paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
- falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
- taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
- misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.

1. "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the submission of it as one's own academic work offered for credit.

iii. "Collusion" includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.

1. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by plagiarism software.