The University of Texas at Tyler

Model United Nations

POLS 4315- MWF 10:10AM- 11:05AM BUS 260 Fall 2015

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I will respond to e-mails during the weekdays in a timely manner however, if you e-mail me during the weekend I will respond on the following Monday.

Check Blackboard for announcements!

Required Materials:


Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes:

This course will introduce students to the basic foundations of international relations as well as the development of key international organizations (with special emphasis on the United Nations). In addition to these theoretical and historic discussions, we will also be exploring many of the key issues plaguing the international environment and how they affect states in today’s world.

The course will be divided into three parts. The first part will introduce students to core aspects of international relations, international institutions, and contemporary issues on the international agenda. In the second part of the course, 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 expected of Model UN delegates. The third portion of the course will consist of a Model United Nations simulation. Using current and past topics and issues from world events and past Model UN conferences; we will conduct our own Model Un simulation within the final weeks of the course.

The second and third parts of the course will involve student participation and will not utilize a typical lecture environment. The students will be actively engaged in research, simulations, debates, and presentations. The students will assume the identities of world leaders and diplomats representing member states within the United Nations. Students will learn about parliamentary procedure in the United Nations, write and respond to resolutions, and form
alliances in order to write and pass resolutions in response to international incidents and crisis. This will prepare students to become delegates at the Southern Regional Model United Nations as well as the National Model United Nations conferences held throughout the year in various cities. Please note, however, that enrollment in the Fall Model UN course does not guarantee participation in either a Southern Regional Model United Nations or National Model United Nations conference.

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
- Familiarity with researching member states of the United Nations
- Familiarity with writing position papers and resolutions

This class will be utilizing Blackboard. Course readings (other than assigned text books) will be posted in Blackboard, and all assignments must be submitted via SafeAssign in Blackboard. If you experience any problems logging into Blackboard, you should seek help from Campus Computing. Their office is located in BUS 101, and they can be reached by email at itsupport@patriots.uttyler.edu. Please include your full name, student ID number and date of birth in any communications you send them.

You will not be able to successfully complete this course without reliable access to Blackboard. If you are experiencing problems with Blackboard, please contact Campus Computing as soon as possible to get the issue resolved.

**Grading**

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**Final Grades**

A: 90-100%
B: 80-89.9%
C: 70-70.9%
D: 60-60.9%
F: Below 59%
**Exams:** There will be one in class examination, on the date indicated below, covering the assigned material from each chapter. The exams will be drawn from the materials covered in the most recent section of the course. During exams, no discussion among students is permitted of any kind. Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off during examinations. Students arriving after the first exam has been turned in will not be allowed to start the exam and will need to make immediate alternate arrangements with the professor. Alternative make-up examinations may differ from the original exam being made up. If you have a University excused absence then you must inform the professor prior to the exam for alternate arrangements.

**Exam Content:** Questions on examinations may be drawn from your textbook, materials presented in lecture, and/or additional materials provided by the instructor as announced in class. Just reading the book, or just attending class, will likely be insufficient to earn a good grade in the course.

**Short Papers:** Short papers are meant to continuously challenge the student and introduce them to research and supporting a position differing from their own. Students must demonstrate not only proficiency in English and grammar but also that they adequately researched the topic at hand. Short Papers must be turned in on time and will lose credit each day they are late. Short papers must be submitted before each class period online.

**MUN Simulation:** Students must actively participate and fulfill all roles of a delegate at an MUN conference including, speeches, authoring and co-authoring draft resolutions, writing friendly and unfriendly amendments, lobbying for resolutions, contributing to the simulation in a respectful manner, and participating in voting procedure among others. Lack of participation in the MUN Simulation will adversely affect student grades.

**Class Policies:** Please provide a respectful learning environment for your fellow students. Repeated tardiness, cell phone disruptions, reading materials unrelated to the course (such as Facebook or other textbooks, and abuse of communication technologies (e.g. Web browsing/IMing, texting) will adversely affect your grade and may lead to your dismissal from the class for the day. Please do not arrive later than ten minutes for class, if you are late please do not interrupt other students class time by your tardiness. Please seek other arrangements for the notes and activities you may have missed when you are absent or later than ten minutes. Please turn off all electronic devices, alarms, cell phones, etc. during class.
University Policies

The following University policies must appear on each course syllabus or be provided as an informational sheet (web-links to these policies may be used in the print or electronic syllabus) http://www.utt Tyler.edu/academicaffairs/syllabuspolicies.pdf

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.utt Tyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.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.utt Tyler.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 that students need to be aware of. 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 offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible a disability diagnosis such as a chronic disease, learning disorder, head injury or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with an Accessibility Case Manager. If you are unsure if the above criteria applies to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR webpage (http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices/) or the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to saroffice@uttyler.edu.

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.

Important Dates:

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