The University of Texas at Tyler

Model United Nations II

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MWF 9:00-10:00AM

MWF 11:10-12:00 AM

or by appointment

Check Blackboard for announcements

I will respond to e-mails during the weekdays in a timely manner if they are received before 5PM. However, if you e-mail me during the weekend I will respond on the following Monday.

Materials:


Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes:

The course is a research- and writing-intensive course open only to students who have previous experience with the National Model United Nations Conference or MUN course work. This course will prepare students to attend the National Model United Nations Conference held in New York, New York, March 20-24, 2016. Please ensure you are free before during and after these conference dates. *Attendance and participation is required to successfully complete this course.*

The course will focus on preparing students to represent our assigned country, Madagascar, at this conference. We will cover history, political and economic development and recent political events. In addition, we will look at the country’s role in the world and its participation in international organizations, such as the United Nations. Additionally, the students will assume the identity of diplomats representing Madagascar at the United Nations. They will learn about parliamentary procedure in the United Nations, write and respond to resolutions, form alliances with like-minded member states in order to pass these resolutions and respond to international incidents.

For more information about NMUN-NY, please visit

http://nmun.org/nmun Ny.html

After successfully completing this course, students should be able to demonstrate:
☐ Familiarity with the assigned country: Madagascar

☐ Basic knowledge of the structure and purpose of the United Nations

☐ An understanding of the inner workings of the United Nations

☐ Ability to write position papers and resolutions

☐ Knowledge of the rules and procedures governing the United Nations

☐ Knowledge of the topics assigned for relevant committee

This class will be utilizing Blackboard. Course readings (other than 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%

Research Paper: Research papers are due January 20, 2015 at 10:00 AM in Bb. Research papers should 5-8 pages in length and extensively review the assigned member state –
Madagascar. Papers should be committee specific in order to best improve each delegates understanding of their assigned topics. For more information, please refer to the Research Paper assignment handout.

**Position Papers:** Position papers are meant to challenge the student and introduce them to research through supporting and creatively solving the assigned international issues. Students must demonstrate not only proficiency in English and grammar but also that adequate researched has been done on the topic at hand. Position Papers are required to have a minimum of ten sources per topic. Position Papers and all topics are highly advised to have been thoroughly researched by both delegates on a shared committee. Position Papers must be turned in on time and will lose credit each day they are late. Position papers must be submitted before each class period and are due online in Bb.

**Research Binder:** *Students should come to the FIRST class period with their research binder.* Binders should be greater than two inches in width. Each delegate is *required* to have a research binder. The research binder will be evaluated based in its content. The program director and head delegate will evaluate the research binders periodically based on content coverage, accumulation of sources, and quality of information.

Every binder must include:

- Research Paper and Sources
- Position Paper
- Short Form Rules of Procedure
- Background Guide
- List of positions negotiable
- Common Clause Beginnings
- Treaties and Resolutions

**MUN-NY and conference preparation:** 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 MUN-NY and in class simulations will adversely affect student grades.

After completion of the conference students will write a reflection paper regarding their overall experiences in both the class during preparation and review their experiences during the conference.

**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.uttynler.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.uttynler.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.uttynler.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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