

Academic credit: 1.5 UMA 's (22.50 class hours)

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Description

1) Introduction: What is Model United Nations; What is HNMUN; United Nations structure. 2) Writing and Speaking: Position Papers; Working Papers; Resolutions; Opening Speeches; Interventions in Formal and Informal Debates; Eloquence and Speech Exercises. 3) Rules of Procedure: To know and understand the rules of procedure for HNMUN 2018. 4) Country Portfolio: Country profile (economy, government system, public policies, geography, culture, country position on the related topics).

Objectives

The student will:

- Learn about the UN operations;
- Learn what is HNMUN and its rules of procedure;
- Develop speech and negotiation skills;
- Gain knowledge regarding public policies and political positions of UN member countries.

Methodology

The course will be taught in English.

Students will be assigned countries to represent during the semester.

Students will elaborate a 10 countries preferences list from the HNMUN 2018 Country Assignment List and elect their Head Delegate and President.

Weekly readings and cases will be assigned.

During each class, from one to five students will be called upon to answer oral questions (which will constitute a short examination) regarding reading assignments.

Discussions will be held following HNMUN rules of procedure in which students will represent their respective assigned country.

Without prior notice, short exams may take place regarding readings assigned for that day.

Students will be: assigned research papers, writing and giving out speeches, writing position papers, writing working papers and resolutions, elaborating a country portfolio (once the country is assigned by Harvard University).

By the end of the semester all grades, regarding short written and oral examinations as well as all investigation and written assignments, will be averaged.

The midterm exam will be a position paper.

Class Agenda

- 1. What is MUN and United Nation's Structure:**
 - a. General Assembly Committees:**
 - i. DISEC
 - ii. ECOFIN
 - iii. SOCHUM
 - iv. SPECPOL
 - v. Administrative and Budgetary
 - vi. Legal
 - b. Other Committees in HNMUN:**
 - i. Economic and Social Council*
 1. UNESCO
 2. United Nations Environment Programme
 3. Commission on the Status of Women
 4. NGO Programme
 - ii. Regional bodies*
 1. North Atlantic Treaty Organization
 2. Organization of American States
 - iii. Specialized Agencies*
 1. United Nation's Security Council
- 2. Understanding the HNMUN Conference**
 - a. Position Papers
 - b. Opening Speeches
 - c. Formal Debate
 - d. Informal Debate
 - e. Working Papers
 - f. Resolutions
 - g. HNMUN Rules of Procedure
- 3. Research Binder**
 - a. Country Profile
 - i. Culture
 - ii. Economy
 - iii. Physical Geography
 - iv. Politics and Government
 - b. Topic Background
 - c. UN Charter



Evaluation

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| 1. Quizzes (average of all short written and oral tests as well as all investigation and written assignments) | 15 |
| 2. Participation in Discussions | 15 |
| 3. Midterm Exam (position paper) | 15 |
| 4. Final Exam | 35 |
| 5. Trip to Boston | 20 |
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| Final Grade: | 100 points |

Academic integrity

Absolute academic honesty is required of each student for exams and research papers. **All cases of suspected copying or plagiarism will be dealt with according to UFM regulations.**

Bibliography

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- 2) Unbisnet.un.org
- 3) Bestdelegate.com
- 4) Library.un.org
- 5) The CIA World Factbook: cia.gov

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