

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

This course introduces students to the history, structure and activities of the United Nations (UN), the world's largest and most important intergovernmental organization (IGO). The course combines classroom instruction and discussion with an intensive simulation, providing students both academic perspective and practical experience. Through this format, students will come to appreciate the complexity of the challenges—political, diplomatic and organizational—faced by the UN as an institution created and employed by states to manage their mutual relations.

Regarding its connection to the mission of the University, this course seeks to accomplish the following:

- A. transfer from one generation to the next the vast body of knowledge and values accumulated over the ages
- B. encourage creativity, imagination, and rigor in the use of intellectual skills
- C. frame University teaching in the context of a liberal arts education seeking to free persons to live more abundantly and securely in an ever-changing social order
- D. foster stewardship in nurturing the gifts of the mind and in developing aesthetic sensibilities

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS, GRADING AND EVALUATION:**

Students will be evaluated on their demonstrated understanding of material covered in the assigned readings and lectures, as well as on their satisfactory preparation for and participation in an off-site conference simulating the activities of the UN. The attached course schedule provides a detailed description of topics and corresponding readings, and includes dates for scheduled tests, examinations and assignments relating to the conference.

Any questions or problems with course objectives, requirements, assignments or evaluation should be addressed promptly and fully in consultation with the professor. Please feel free to speak with me at any time (not only during posted office hours) or schedule an appointment for your convenience.

The midterm and final exams are assigned the following weights in the calculation of grades. Midterm = **20%**. Final = **20%**

Conference preparation, participation and the summary report account for **40%** of the final grade. Take careful note of all requirements and relevant deadlines as described below.

Class participation accounts for the remaining **20%** of your grade, to include attendance, participation in discussion and performance on in-class assignments and quizzes on the reading and lecture material.

Failure to attend all scheduled class meetings will adversely affect your performance in all aspects of the course. Consult the Campbell University Bulletin concerning official University attendance policy. I understand that policy not to mean students may take a number of "cuts" without penalty during the semester. Rather, absences from class should occur only for reasons of illness (to be documented by a doctor's excuse) or personal emergency (to be explained to me)--all others will be subject to penalty.

All students are subject to the academic integrity and behavioral expectations of the University.

Students with documented disabilities who desire modifications or accommodations should contact the office of Student Support Services located in the University's Hight House.

**Required Texts:**

Moore, John Allphin and Jerry Pubantz. The New United Nations. Pearson, 2006. Abbreviated M & P in schedule of topics and readings.

**SCHEDULE OF LECTURE TOPICS AND ASSIGNED READINGS.**

Week 1. (20-24 Aug). Course Introduction.  
Syllabus.

Week 2. (27-31 Aug.) The United Nations (UN): A Global Intergovernmental Organization (IGO).  
M & P Introduction & Chapter 1. [UN](#) & [SRMUN](#) websites.

Week 3. (3-7 Sep.) Creation and History of the UN.  
M&P Chapter 2.

Week 4. (10-14 Sep.) The UN Charter: A Global Constitution?  
M & P Chapter 3 & Appendix A.

Week 5. (17-21 Sep.) Institutions of the UN: A Global Government?  
M & P Chapter 4.

Week 6. (24 Sep-28 Sep.) International Peace & Security: The UN as Global Police Force?  
M & P Chapter 5.

Week 7. (1-5 Oct.) Peacekeeping & Peacemaking: The UN as Nation-builder?  
M & P. Chapter 6. **Midterm Exam Thursday 4 October.**

Week 8. (8-12 Oct.) **Fall Break.**

Week 9. (15-19 Oct.) The UN and Global Public Policy.  
M & P. Chapter 7.

Week 10. (22-26 Oct.) The UN and Global Economic Development.  
M & P. Chapter 8.

Week 11. (29 Oct-2 Nov.) The UN Role in Addressing Current Global Security Challenges.  
Reading TBA.

Week 12. (5-9 Nov.) Current Global Policy Challenges (cont.)  
Reading TBA.

Week 13. (12-16 Nov). **SRMUN 18 Thu. 15—Sat. 17 November**

Week 14. (19-23 Nov.) ***Thanksgiving Break.***

Week 15. (26-30 Nov.) SRMUN Assessment, Course Evaluation & Exam Review.  
**Final Draft of Conference Report due Thursday 29 November**

### **SRMUN Model United Nations Conference Preparation and Participation**

This course culminates in an intensive, off-site simulation of UN activities, and much of our work during the semester involves preparation for it. The 18th Southern Regional Model United Nations (SRMUN) will be held in Atlanta **15-17 November 2007**. The rules of procedure and other information available for download at the website describes in detail the preparations required for effective participation. It is the responsibility of each student-delegate to become thoroughly familiar with this information.

Delegate preparation also includes submission of a **position paper** describing our country's views on the issues to be debated in committee at the simulation. Specific information concerning content, format and deadlines will be provided during the semester.

As part of their conference participation, students will prepare a report summarizing their experience at the CSMUN, to include assessment of the following:

- Preparation materials, especially the rules of procedure
- Effectiveness of conference organizers and staff
- Preparedness and conduct of delegates
- Effectiveness of committee deliberations
- The value of caucusing
- Hotel accommodations, facilities and services
- The Hilton Atlanta Airport Hotel as a conference location
- The overall quality of the simulation experience