

SHSU Model United Nations Program Application

What is Sam's Model United Nations Program? (SMUN?)

The SMUN program is Sam Houston State University's Model United Nations competitive program. It is supported by the Political Science Department and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The SMUN program is also an international relations course offered during the Spring semesters. The POLS 4081 Problem in Political Science: Model United Nations. This hybrid course provides an interactive environment encouraging students to study the world in the different aspects of political and international affairs, while learning how to compete in the Model United Nations. Selected students will compete at the annual Model United Nations conference in New York City during the Spring semester.

Application

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Model United Nations (MUN) Student Delegation Program for the academic year 2024-2025. This prestigious opportunity allows dedicated students to immerse themselves in the world of international diplomacy and hone their leadership skills. If you are passionate about global issues, diplomacy, geopolitics and are eager to represent Sam Houston State University on the national stage, we invite you to apply for this program. Application form (attached) must be submitted electronically to Prof. Christopher Patane cfp009@SHSU.EDU, and Prof. Dennis Weng dennis.weng@shsu.edu by 11:59 pm on Monday, September 30th. 10 student delegates will be accepted to this year's SMUN program. Selected applicants will be contacted shortly after the submission deadline.

Contact Information

SMUN Factory Advisor:

Prof. Christopher Patane (cfp009@SHSU.EDU)

Prof. Dennis Weng (dennis.weng@shsu.edu)

Requirements

- Must be in good academic standing (GPA > 3.0)
- Must be enrolled in POLS 4081 Diplomacy in Action: Model United Nations Seminar Hybrid Course in Spring 2025 (The hybrid class will consist of two parts: the in-class session and the online course, schedule will be announced later this semester)
- Attend all required training sessions and meet all deadlines (Dates TBD)
- Serve as staff members for Model UN related events and activities during the 2024 – 2025 Academic Year. (Community service hours)
- Attach a copy of your resume with at least one letter of recommendation from faculty.
- Attended an interview over zoom, if needed, the applicants will be contacted.
- Must be able to travel with the SMUN program for the National MUN conference in NY City from April 13th to 17th, 2025.
 - Please note: SMUN program secures fundings to cover each attending students delegate registration fees and travel (Lodging, Airfare, and partial meals will be covered).

Qualifications

- Attend an interview, the applicants will be contacted.
- Be self-motivated and responsible
- A willingness to develop or improve oral communication skills
- Team Player
- Be flexible
- Enjoy communicating with people in a professional setting
- Be willing to follow all rules and guidelines in the MUN contract

2024-2025 Sam MUN Program Student Delegate Application Form

Name:

Sam ID:

1. Have you taken any courses in International Relations/Comparative Politics/Political Science before?
2. What do you know about Model United Nations? What would you like to know about this program?
3. Have you ever been in a Model United Nations team before in college or high school (if yes, what team and when)?
4. What would you do when you worked with a group, but others just did not collaborate with you?
5. What social media platforms are you familiar with? In addition to Instagram and Twitter, do you use other social media?
6. In 3-5 sentences explain your interest for maintaining global awareness.
7. In 3-5 sentences explain what you as a delegate could bring to the NMUN team.

Model UN Essay:

- *Your essay must adhere to the topic and should fully answer the question.*
- *Your submission must adhere to the word limits (between 500 and 800 words), and must be submitted by 11:59 pm CDT on Monday, September 30th*

Pick **ONE** from the following questions to write your essay!

1. During the presidential administration of John F. Kennedy, the threat of nuclear war increased during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis between the United States and the Soviet Union. Through diplomatic conversations between President Kennedy and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, tensions between the two nations de-escalated and a nuclear conflict was prevented. Explain the importance of diplomacy in deterring international conflict and please utilize an instance from history where diplomacy was utilized in achieving peace.

2. To enact significant changes to global issues in the United Nations, member states must cooperate with one another in a multilateral manner. Please select one international issue you are passionate about and how you would resolve it in a multilateral environment as an international diplomat.