Welcome to
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Model United Nations Conference XLI
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15-18 February 2018
Welcome Packet
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Welcome from the Secretary-General

Words cannot express how excited and honored I feel as your host for the 41st annual ODU Model United Nations Conference. We are working hard to put together an unforgettable experience for everyone on 15-18 February 2018, at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel.

Technology and science dominate more of our lives every day. Following the UN’s lead, ODUMUNC focuses on technology and science. Our attention is on the General Assembly, where topics include the prevention of armed conflict over water (First Committee) and accounting for the effects of atomic radiation from nuclear accidents and tests (Fourth Committee). The Economic and Social Council tackles climate change, natural disaster prevention and environmentally friendly industrialization. The science focus goes to the heart of our UN Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space (COPUOS).

As an international student from Greece, I could not resist the urge to bring in the European Council, and a crisis on Turkey: President Erdogan’s Cabinet just before the July 2016 coup attempt. And since Model UN delegates are sticklers on rules and procedures, we want to shake things up with a Special Session on UN Reform, where Security Council membership, UN voting and finances will be debated.

With a rich tradition of successful conferences, our team knows the significance of the task we are carrying out for your school and students. Engaging role playing and exciting debate are our ultimate goals, as we share our passion for international politics by bringing it to life. I look forward to showing you what we have in store for your students.

On behalf of everyone the ODU Model United Nations Society, thank you for your participation! See you in February!

Best Regards,

Kleopatra Moditisi Secretary-General
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About ODUMUNC

The Old Dominion University Model United Nations Conference is a simulation for high school students, emphasizing education in international affairs, role-playing, public speaking, and policy management. Over 1,000 delegates and an ODU staff of 70 strive for accurate representation of the policies of the countries and organizations they represent. In preparation for the conference, delegates research their country’s government, foreign policies, positions and interests as they relate to the topics under debate. At the conference, delegates promote their country’s policies under the leadership of ODUMUNC’s experienced staff, using with parliamentary rules and diplomatic practices. All in the intense atmosphere of Norfolk’s Sheraton Waterside, in view of the world’s largest naval shipyard.
Dates and Registration

Early registration (due Friday, 13 October 2017): Register early to ensure your country selections. To register early, the completed registration form and $65 registration fee are due by 16 October 2017. Pay by credit card on our website, or make checks payable to ODU Model United Nations. Both payment and registration form must be received by the deadline.

Final registration deadline (Friday, 1 December 2017): Submit the registration form online, by fax or mail, with the registration fee of $65. The registration form and initial fee of $65 are due no later than 4 December 2017. We cannot guarantee registration requests received after December 4. Registrations received after are assessed an $80 late fee. Final payment is due 12 January 2018.

Refund request deadline: Friday, 12 January 2018. See refund procedures below.

Name badge request deadline (Friday, 26 January 2018): Assure name badges are ready at conference registration by sending your final list of names—with country and committee assignments—by January 26.

Delegations: A country delegation typically includes up to twelve students, depending on whether the country is represented only in the General Assembly or also in the ECOSOC and Security Council. There is no additional delegation fee for participants on specialized bodies and crisis simulations.

Four delegations per school: Due to space constraints, delegation assignments may be limited. Schools that wish to send additional delegations should indicate on the registration form. There is a maximum of four delegations per school, not including the specialized bodies and crisis simulations.

Country rotation: No school may represent the same country two years in a row. This assures equitable turnover, especially for high-demand countries.

Photo Release: By registering and submitting participants’ names, sponsors grant Old Dominion University and the ODU Model United Nations Society permission to use their school’s participants’ names and/or photographs in ODU publications and media both in print and electronic. Every effort will be made to secure specific permission before using photographs.

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How to Register

**Register on-line at:** [http://odu.edu/al/centers/modelun/conference/registration](http://odu.edu/al/centers/modelun/conference/registration)

To mail or fax, please send your registration form to:

Kleopatra Moditsi, ODUMUNC Secretary-General

*Email:* odumunc@gmail.com

*Fax:* (757) 683-5936

*Post:* Kleopatra Moditsi, Secretary-General  
Old Dominion University  
Model United Nations, BAL Room 2006  
Norfolk, Virginia 23529

Additional copies of the registration form are available at [odu.edu/mun](http://odu.edu/mun)

Conference Fees

The school registration fee is **$65**, due 1 December 2017. All other fees are due 12 January 2018. Other fees:

- **$60** each Delegation  
- **$60** each individual Delegate  
- **$45** each additional Faculty Advisor  
- **$80** late registration surcharge

Payments are accepted by check or credit card. Make checks payable to *ODU Model United Nations*. Credit card payments should be made on the website registration page.
Refund Policy

The registration fee of $65 is non-refundable. Refund requests received in writing by the ODUMUNC Secretary-General on or before 12 January 2018 will be reimbursed up to 80 percent of other fees including delegation, delegate, and faculty sponsor fees.

Refund requests will not be considered after 12 January 2018 except for documented sickness, medical emergency or official school closings due to weather.

As part of Old Dominion University, ODUMUN is subject to all ODU and Commonwealth of Virginia policies and procedures, and may require additional supporting documentation for payment of refunds. ODUMUN reserves the right to refund as our finances permit. We do not offer credit for future conferences.

For Delegates

Training Sessions

By popular demand, ODUMUNC features training sessions on Thursday night. Led by our College Conference team, ODUMUNC 101 focuses on preparation for the General Assembly. The ODUMUNC Crisis Briefing covers preparation for crisis committees.

Social Events

Blow off steam! ODUMUNC features the ever-popular karaoke night, delegate dance and game room.

ODUMUNC Favorites

- Delegates’ karaoke & dance
- Computer and resource room
- Faculty Forum & Reception
- Guest speakers from the UN
- Unique waterside location
For Faculty Sponsors

*Issue briefs:* Provide background information on committees and topics, and will be available on the conference website in September.

*Support services:* The ODU Model UN Society is ready to help your students prepare. Our staff can come to regional schools for classroom training, or you can have your class meet with us at ODU.

The Faculty Forum

ODUMUNC offers its unique Faculty Forum, a one-day seminar for teachers on an issue in international affairs, with maximum classroom relevance. This year's Faculty Forum is *Can It Be Done? International Cooperation in Age Of Populism.* It features professors from Old Dominion and other universities. The series typically features six speakers in an informal seminar environment, with refreshments. *Old Dominion University offers Continuing Education credit for the Faculty Forum.*

The Norfolk Naval Shipyard from the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel.
Committees and Topics

Each country delegation requires a minimum of 4 delegates (for each of the four General Assembly committees) to a maximum of 19 delegates (with 2 delegates each for the four GA committees, ECOSOC, COPUOS, Security Council and European Council, and one each on three crisis bodies). It is preferable that two delegates per body represent each country.

Schools are permitted an additional 5 delegates in specialized bodies: for 2018 these are the European Council and COPUOS with up to 2 delegates each, and the three crises bodies with 1 delegate each. The specialized bodies are on a per request basis. Participation is charged delegate fees but no additional delegation fee.

Registrations for crisis committees are yes/no. Specific assignments are made separately by the ODUMUNC Secretary-General in consultation with faculty sponsors.

Each school determines where its delegates can be used most effectively. To be eligible for school awards, each delegation must be represented in all its assigned committees.

For committee descriptions please see the website.

Maximum Delegates per Country

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Topics by Body

**General Assembly (GA):**

*GA First Committee: Disarmament and International Security*

1. Broadening and enforcing sanctions for countries with chemical weapons capabilities
2. The question of arms transfers into non-state actors
3. Preventing armed conflict over water

*GA Third Committee: Social, Cultural and Humanitarian*

1. Condemning and battling racism, xenophobia and related intolerance
2. Prevention and elimination child and forced marriage
3. Preserving endangered languages and cultures of indigenous peoples

*GA Fourth Committee: Special Political and Decolonization*

1. The Political Status of Non-Self-Governing Territories: Falkland/Malvinas, Gibraltar, Western Sahara
2. Compensation for the effects of atomic radiation resulting from nuclear accidents and tests
3. Equitable access to and sharing of the resources of the Arctic Ocean

*GA Special Session on United Nations Reform*

1. Reform of Security Council membership, voting and procedures
2. Creation of a new UN body on environmental and climate issues
3. Reforming the system of UN Member States financial contributions

**Specialized UN Bodies**

*Security Council (SC):*

1. Detecting and combating the threat of foreign ISIS fighters
2. Halting the nuclear weapons program of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
3. Finding peaceful resolution to the conflict in South Sudan
Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):

1. Promoting Environmentally Friendly Industrialization in Developing Countries
2. Climate Change Resilience and Natural Disaster Prevention in Small Island States
3. Urbanization and Development of Disadvantaged City Settlements (Slum Upgrading)

United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space (COPOUS):

1. Ensuring peaceful exploration and research of the planet Mars
2. Assessing poverty through the UN Space-Based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER)
3. UNISPACE + 50: Considering future goals for global space cooperation

European Council

1. Resettlement and integration of refugees and undocumented migrants
2. Implementing Article 50: Responding to the declaration of the United Kingdom to leave the EU
3. Safeguarding the Economic Stability and Fiscal Discipline of EU Member States

Crisis Committees

- Revolution in the Land of the Incorruptible: Burkina Faso in 1984
- Tyranny or Victory! Simon Bolivar’s South American Revolt
- The Cabinet of Turkish President Erdoğan, July 2016

Simon Bolivar debates the future of his revolution
Venue

The location of the ODU Model United Nations Conference 2018 is the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel in downtown Norfolk, Virginia.

**Hotel accommodations** for participants are available at the Sheraton, where all conference activities will take place. A special room rate of $105 per night, excluding taxes, is extended to all conference participants. To be guaranteed the discount, hotel reservations must be made by 19 January 2018.

**Hotel reservations.** Ms. Sabrina Thomas is the contact point at the Sheraton Hotel for all conference reservation inquiries. Please communicate directly with her and the Sheraton, or visit www.sheraton.com/Norfolk

**Address:**
Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
777 Waterside Drive
Norfolk, VA 23510

**Contact:**
Ms. Sabrina Thomas
stomas@norfolksheraton.com
Phone: 757-640-2762
General Inquiries: 757-622-6664

**Directions to the Sheraton**

**From the West.** Interstate 64 East toward Richmond. Just before reaching Richmond, take I-295 South (toward Norfolk, Virginia Beach). Bypass Richmond, and then get back onto Interstate 64 East. Continue to Interstate 264 West and take Exit 284A (toward Norfolk). Follow Exit 9 to Waterside Drive.

**From the North.** Interstate 95 South toward Richmond. Just before Richmond, left exit to Interstate 295 South (toward Norfolk, Virginia Beach). Bypass Richmond, and then right exit to onto Interstate 64 East. After the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, take Exit 284A (toward Norfolk). Follow to Exit 9 Waterside Drive.

**From the South.** Interstate 95 North to Route 58 East (toward Norfolk). Follow Route 58 East to I-264 East (toward Norfolk), through the Downtown Tunnel and Bridge. Take the Waterside Drive Exit.
Registration Form
Registration Deadline: 1 December 2017
Register online at http://odu.edu/al/centers/modelun/conference/registration

School: ____________________________________________
Faculty Advisor: ________________________________________
Street, City, State, Zip: _______________________________________
Office Phone: __________________________ Fax: ____________________________
Home / Mobile Phone (emergency only): __________________________
Email: _______________________________________

Approximate Delegate Count: ___ Number of Countries Requested: ___

COUNTRY PREFERENCES
List your four country choices in order of preference. Include no more than two Security Council countries. If your requested country is in a special committee and you request participation in that committee, then we will attempt to give you that country's representation in the special committee.

1. __________________________ 3. __________________________
2. __________________________ 4. __________________________

SPECIALIZED COMMITTEE PREFERENCES
(circle each):
European Council YES / NO
COPUOS YES / NO
Burkina Faso, 1984 YES / NO
South American Revolt YES / NO
Turkish Cabinet 2016 YES / NO

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International Press Corps

Conference newspaper: ODUMUNC will again feature the International Press Corps (IPC). High school journalists working with ODU staff edit and publish the conference newspaper, *The Chair's Discretion*. They report on the committees, caucuses, success and disaster, commentary and perspectives. This year students in the IPC will be assigned positions as journalists, playing different international news agencies. This will give students participating in IPC the opportunity to write in character about events going on in the conference.

Experience in journalism or model UN simulations is not a requirement. Students interested in an IPC assignment should submit an application by 12 January 2018. There is no registration fee for IPC participants.

ODUMUNC 2018 International Press Corps Application

Name: ___________________________________________________________

School: ___________________________________________________________________

City: ______________________ State: __________

Class: Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___

Telephone: (______) _______ Faculty Advisor _____________________________

Email (be sure to include this): _______________________________________

Send this application form with a writing sample to the ODUMUNC Secretary-General no later than 12 January 2018.
## Bodies and Member States

### UN General Assembly Member States

| Afghanistan | Cape Verde | Gambia, Islamic Republic of
| Albania | Central African Republic | Georgia
| Algeria | Chad | Germany
| Andorra | Chile | Ghana
| Angola | China | Greece
| Antigua and Barbuda | Colombia | Grenada
| Argentina | Comoros Islands | Guatemala
| Armenia | Congo | Guinea
| Austria | Costa Rica | Guinea Bissau
| Azerbaijan | Cote d’Ivoire | Guyana
| Bahamas | Croatia | Haiti
| Bahrain | Cuba | Holy See (Observer)
| Bangladesh | Cyprus | Honduras
| Barbados | Czech Republic | Hungary
| Belarus | DPR Korea (North) | Iceland
| Belgium | Dem. Rep. of Congo | India
| Belize | Denmark | Indonesia
| Benin | Djibouti | Iran
| Bhutan | Dominica | Iraq
| Bolivia, Plurinational State of | Dominican Republic | Ireland
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Ecuador | Israel
| Botswana | Egypt | Italy
| Brazil | El Salvador | Jamaica
| Brunei | Equatorial Guinea | Japan
| Bulgaria | Eritrea | Jordan
| Burkina Faso | Estonia | Kazakhstan
| Burundi | Ethiopia | Kenya
| Cambodia | Fiji | Kiribati
| Cameroon | Finland | Kuwait
| Canada | France | Kyrgyzstan
| | FYR Macedonia | Lao PDR |
Latvia
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia
Monaco
Mongolia
Montenegro
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Palau
Palestine (Observer)
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea (South)
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Samoa
San Marino
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Africa
South Sudan
Spain
Sri Lanka
St. Kitts and Nevis
St. Lucia
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Tajikistan
Tanzania, United Republic of
Timor Leste
Thailand
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu
Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
United States of America
Uruguay
Uzbekistan
Vanuatu
Venezuela, Bolivarian Rep.
Viet Nam
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe
### UN Security Council Member States

- Bolivia
- China*
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- France*
- Italy
- Japan
- Kazakhstan
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Russian Federation*
- Senegal
- Spain
- Sweden
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom*
- United States of America*
- Uruguay

* veto powers

### UN Economic and Social Council Member States

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Belgium
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Burkina Faso
- Chile
- China
- Congo
- Czech Republic
- Dem. Rep. of the Congo
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Greece
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Honduras
- India
- Iraq
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Kazakhstan
- Lebanon
- Mauritania
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Panama
- Peru
- Portugal
- Republic of Korea
- Republic of Moldova
- Russian Federation
- Rwanda
- Serbia
- Somalia
- South Africa
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Togo
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uganda
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- Viet Nam
- Zimbabwe
The European Council*

Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Latvia
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
Netherlands
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
United Kingdom

*Register to participate in the European Council. Not guaranteed the same country as your General Assembly choice

General Assembly at ODUMUNC 40, February 2017
United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space*

*Register to participate in COPUOS. Not guaranteed the same country as your General Assembly choice

Albania
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Brazil
Bulgaria
Canada
Chad
Chile
Czech Republic
Egypt
France
Germany
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Iran
Italy
Japan
Kenya
Lebanon
Mexico
Mongolia
Morocco
Nigeria
Poland
Republic of Korea
Romania
Russian Federation
Sierra Leone
Slovakia
Sweden
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America

Crisis Committees**

Revolution in the Land of the Incorruptible: Burkina Faso in 1984

Tyranny or Victory! Simon Bolivar’s South American Revolt

The Cabinet of Turkish President Erdoğan, 1 July 2016

**Register to participate in Crisis Committees. Specific positions are assigned by the Secretary-General, in consultation with faculty sponsors
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- European Council
- COPUOS
- Burkina Faso, 1984
- South American Revolt
- Turkish Cabinet 2016

YES / NO