

# Sam Houston Model United Nations Program Application

## What is Sam Model United Nations Program (SMUN)?

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.

## Applications

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Model United Nations (MUN) Student Delegation Program for the academic year 2023-2024. 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, and 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. Weng [dennis.weng@shsu.edu](mailto:dennis.weng@shsu.edu) by 11:59 pm on Friday, September 29th. Total 12 student delegates will be accepted to this year's SMUN program. Selected applicants will be contacted shortly after the submission deadline.

## Contact Information

SMUN Faculty Advisor:

Prof. Dennis Weng ([dennis.weng@shsu.edu](mailto: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 2024 (The hybrid class will consist of two parts: the in class session will be scheduled for Tuesday at 12:30 pm, whereas the online course will be scheduled for Thursday)
- Attend all required training sessions and meet all deadlines(Dates TBD)
- Serve as staff members for Model UN related events and activities during the 2023 – 2024 Academic Year. (Community service hours)
- Must be able to travel with the SMUN program for the National MUN conference in NY City from April 1<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - Please note: SMUN program secures fundings to cover each attending students delegate registration fees and travel (Lodging, Airfare, and partial meals will be covered)
- 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.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Have an enthusiastic and positive attitude
- Be self-motivated and responsible
- A willingness to develop or improve oral communication skills
- Team Player
- Be flexiable
- Enjoy communicating with people in a professional setting
- Be willing to follow all rules and guidelines in the MUN contract

**2023-2024 Sam MUN Program Student Delegate Application Form**

Name:

Sam ID:

1. *Have you taken any course in International Relations/Comparative Politics 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 (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 Facebook and Twitter, do you use other social media?*
  
6. *In 2-3 sentences explain what you as a delegate could bring to the MUN 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 PT on Friday, September 29th.*

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

1. *In his inaugural address, President Joe Biden stated that “America is back.” Should the future of America’s foreign policy be one that embraces multilateralism, or should it take a more unilateral approach? Use historical examples or case studies from prior presidential administrations to make your argument about the present.*
2. *The COVID-19 global pandemic has illustrated that today’s world is truly interconnected. With so many changes happening at once—climate change, domestic political unrest, the global economy, education, health care, trade, and tourism—we are seeing new ways local and national actions impact international issues. According to the United Nations, “the world is at a defining moment for collective action” to solve challenging global issues. Therefore, please discuss an issue of global significance, explain its impact on a specific context (local, national, regional, or global), what steps you would take to address it, and how you would inspire others, especially youth, to act on this important issue.*

By submitting this application, you agree you will adhere with all rules stated in the contract if selected to join the Sam Houston State University Model United Nations Team