

INTA 3101UN Syllabus

International Institutions, Section UN, 3 Credit Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30-5:45PM, Ivan Allen College 136

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General Information

Description

This course will prepare you for participation in the Model United Nations Program at Georgia Tech, both as a competitive collegiate delegate and as a director of committee.

Pre- &/or Co-Requisites

This course has no pre-requisites. However, prior Model UN experience could prove helpful.

Course Goals and Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to use their knowledge of international affairs in a practical problem-solving way to address issues of immediate international concern.
- Students will be able to express their arguments clearly and effectively both in written reports and in their research and oral presentations.

Course Requirements & Grading

Assignment	Date	Weight (Percentage, points, etc)
Parliamentary Procedure Quiz	9/11	20%
Position Paper	TBD	10%
Background Guide	12/4	30%
GTMUN HS Conference	10/8-9	20%
Attendance/Participation		20%

Extra Credit and Grade Dispute Policies and Procedures

No extra credit will be given during this course. If you have a question about a grade or grading, see the Teaching Assistant.

Description of Graded Components

Quiz (20%)

There will be one quiz during the semester. The quiz will cover all of the material prior to the date of the quiz. The quiz will consist of a series of short answer, matching, and identification questions. **The exam is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, during class.**

Position Paper (10%)

Students will write one position paper in preparation for simulations. These papers will be on the assigned topics that will be determined the week of September 10.

Attendance and Participation (20%)

See attendance section below.

GTMUN Conference (20%)

The main GTMUN focus of the Fall semester is our GTMUN HS Conference. All students are expected to participate in an active role in the conference. Participation will be graded on attitude, duty fulfillment, professional demeanor, and overall performance.

Background Guide (30%)

I will assign one final background guide to be written. This background guide will be used at the TechMUN 2019 conference and will be required to follow specific guidelines determined by the TechMUN secretariat. Late papers will not be accepted. Each student will have their own individual topic that will be determined during the semester. More specific instructions will be given in class.

Grading Scale

Your final grade will be assigned as a letter grade according to the following scale:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	0-59%

Course Materials

Course Text

Hodgin, Greg. *Model UN Handbook: A Preparation for MUN Conferences*. Lanham, Md.: Hamilton Books, 2012.

Course Website and Other Classroom Management Tools

The Canvas site will also contain other important material for the course, including sample position papers, Model UN rules of procedure, guide outlines, and so on. Regular access to Canvas is mandatory for this course. Most of you already have the necessary skills to use this tool, but if you don't OIT runs periodic workshops. We will also make heavy use of the Slack channel for the class.

Course Expectations & Guidelines

Academic Integrity

Georgia Tech aims to cultivate a community based on trust, academic integrity, and honor. Students are expected to act according to the highest ethical standards. For information on Georgia Tech's Academic Honor Code, please visit <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/policies/honor-code/> or <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/18/>.

Any student suspected of cheating or plagiarizing on a quiz, exam, or assignment will be reported to the Office of Student Integrity, who will investigate the incident and identify the appropriate penalty for violations.

Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities

If you are a student with learning needs that require special accommodation, contact the Office of Disability Services (often referred to as ADAPTS) at (404)89-2563 or <http://disabilityservices.gatech.edu/>, as soon as possible, to make an appointment to discuss your special needs and to obtain an accommodations letter. Please also e-mail me as soon as possible in order to set up a time to discuss your learning needs.

Assignment Turn-In

Background guides will be handed in via e-mail. Details will be provided closer to the date. Position papers should be typed double-spaced using 12-point Times New Roman font and with one-inch margins.

Attendance and/or Participation

Attendance in class is mandatory. However, being in class is not enough - you should participate and ask questions, especially during each lecture. It is imperative that you actively engage in each simulation exercise as this is the best way to learn Model UN. Please advise us ahead of time if you will miss class or afterward if you are ill. I will grant you two absences (for whatever reason) during the semester after which your final grade will be deducted 10 points off your participation grade. Obviously there are extenuating circumstances that I will consider, but you need to consider your presence in class as vital to your final grade. Only family emergencies, documented illnesses, or Institute-approved absences will count as excused absences.

Extensions, Late Assignments, & Re-Scheduled/Missed Exams

See the Teaching Assistant if you need to arrange make-up for missed assignments. However, only Institute-approved absences will be accommodated.

Student Use of Mobile Devices in the Classroom

No electronic devices (mobile phone, laptop, tablet, etc.) are permitted during the class. If you have an ADAPTS-related requirement for electronic devices, that is an allowed exception. Exceptions will be made for certain simulations.

Student-Faculty Expectations

At Georgia Tech we believe that it is important to continually strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect, acknowledgement, and responsibility between faculty members and the student body. See <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/22/> for an articulation of some basic expectations - that you can have of me, and that I have of you. In the end, simple respect for knowledge, hard work, and cordial interactions will help build the environment we seek. Therefore, I encourage you to remain committed to the ideals of Georgia Tech while in this class.

Course Schedule

Date (Week of)	Topic	Reading, Notes, due dates, and more
8/20	Intro, GTMUN, The UN	Handbook ch 1-3
8/27	Position Papers/Procedure	Handbook, ch 4-5, 10
9/3	Running Committees, Resolutions and Voting	Handbook, ch 6-9
9/10	Simulation Prep/Quiz	TUES: Quiz
9/17	Simulation	GTMUN Training 9/15-16, NO CLASS Tues
9/24	Simulation	
10/1	GTMUN HS Prep	
10/8	GTMUN HS Conference	No Class
10/15	Simulation	
10/22	Simulation	
10/29	Simulation	
11/5	Simulation	
11/12	Simulation	
11/19	Simulation	No Class Th (Thanksgiving)
11/26	Simulation	
12/3	Simulation	LAST DAY OF CLASS 12/4