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Welcome Packet
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Welcome from the Secretary-General

Esteemed Delegates, Faculty and Guests,

My secretariat and I are pleased to welcome you to the 2024 session of Old Dominion University's Model United Nations Conference, ODUMUNC 47, at the Norfolk Sheraton Waterside Hotel.

ODUMUNC 47 benefits from a milestone in the history of Old Dominion University. In 2022 ODU was recognized as an *R1* institution, ranking among the top 5 percent of all American research universities.

The recognition affects ODUMUNC. Home to the Center for Coastal Physical Oceanography and the Mitigation & Adaptation Research Institute (MARI), ODU has a bright history of research into the most significant environmental challenges facing humanity. For these reasons, our conference theme this year is *Adaptation and Mitigation amid a Climate Crisis*. You will see this reflected in our committees and topics.

Model UN is a gracious experience not just for those wishing to enter international relations, but also to develop skills in diplomacy and problem-solving with wide-reaching relevance. We look forward a conference featuring innovative and creative solutions from delegates, as they tackle some of the gravest challenges faced by the Member States of the United Nations today.

We wish all of delegates and delegations the best of luck preparing. We are excited to welcome you back for our 47th year in a row, and look forward to seeing you in February.

See you in February,

J Belin
Secretary-General
ODU Model United Nations Conference XLVII
ODUMUNC 47
About ODUMUNC

The Old Dominion University Model United Nations Conference is a three-day educational simulation for high school students. Students learn about countries, issues, and diplomacy through experiential learning and role playing.

We bring together over 800 delegates come together every year in February, during the convenient President’s Day weekend. In preparation, delegates research their country’s culture, government, foreign policies, positions, and priorities as well as the topics under discussion. This year we will return once again to the Sheraton Waterside Hotel in downtown Norfolk, Virginia.

At the conference, delegates promote their countries’ policies, guided by leadership from ODUMUNC’s experienced staff, using parliamentary rules and diplomatic practices to achieve their delegation’s goals.

### ODUMUNC 47 Timeline

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Opening ceremony at ODUMUNC 46, February 2023
Registration Schedule

*Early registration:* due Friday 6 October 2023. Register early to ensure your country selections, at [https://www.odu.edu/al/centers/modelun/conference/registration](https://www.odu.edu/al/centers/modelun/conference/registration) To register early the completed registration form and $60 registration fee are due by 6 October 2023. Pay by credit card on our website, or make checks payable to *ODU Model United Nations*.

*Final registration:* due Friday 8 December 2023. Register online, by fax or mail with your registration form and initial fee of $60. We cannot guarantee registration requests received after December 10. Late registrations are assessed an $80 late fee. Final payment is due 3 February 2023.

*Refund requests deadline:* Friday 2 February 2024. See refund procedures below.

*Delegate Name List:* due Friday 2 February 2024: Assure your school’s name badges are ready at conference registration by sending your final list of delegate names—with country and committee assignments—by 2 February. Find the form at [https://www.odu.edu/al/centers/modelun/conference/registration](https://www.odu.edu/al/centers/modelun/conference/registration)

*Delegations:* Billing is based on General Assembly countries. A single country delegation includes four to nineteen students, depending on whether the country is represented only in the General Assembly or also specialized bodies like the Arab League and UNHRC, and crisis simulations. There is no additional delegation fee for participants in specialized bodies and crisis simulations. Schools can bring several country delegations.

*Country rotation:* To assure equitable turnover, no school may represent the same country two years in a row.

*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 media both in print and electronic. Every effort will be made to secure specific permission before using photographs.
To Register

Register on-line at: http://odu.edu/al/centers/modelun/conference/registration

Or mail or fax your registration form to:

Blaizen Bloom, ODUMUNC Secretary-General
Email: odumunc@gmail.com
Fax: (757) 683-5936
Post: Blaizen Bloom, Secretary-General
      Model United Nations, BAL rm 2002
      Old Dominion University
      Norfolk Virginia USA 23529

Conference Fees

The school registration fee is $60, due 8 December 2023.
All other fees are due 2 February 2024. Other fees:

- $60 Each Delegation (General Assembly country)
- $60 Each individual Delegate
- $45 Additional Faculty Advisors (first Advisor is free)
- $80 Late Registration Surcharge (after 8 December 2023)

Payments are accepted by check or card. Make checks payable to ODU Model United Nations. Card payments can be made on the website registration page, https://www.odu.edu/al/centers/modelun/conference/registration

Refund Policy

The registration fee of $60 is non-refundable. Refund requests received in writing by the ODUMUNC Secretary-General on or before 2 February 2024 will be reimbursed up to 80 percent of other fees including delegation, delegate, and faculty sponsor fees. Refund requests will not be considered after 2 February 2024 except for documented sickness, medical emergency, or official school closings due to weather.

As part of Old Dominion University, ODUMUNC is subject to all ODU and Commonwealth of Virginia policies and procedures and may require additional supporting documentation for payment of refunds. We do not offer credit for future conferences.
Delegate Events

Training Sessions

Led by our College Conference team, ODUMUNC features on-line and in-person welcome and training sessions, hosted on-line Thursday 9 February and in-person at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel on Thursday 15 February:

*ODUMUNC 101* focuses on preparation for the General Assembly and mid-sized, specialized bodies.

*ODUMUNC 102* is for delegates preparing for crisis simulations.

Delegate Events: Karaoke Night and the Delegate Dance Return

*Karaoke Night*: Thursday 15 February

*The Delegate Dance Returns*: Saturday 17 February
For Faculty Sponsors

Issue briefs: Provide background information on committees and topics. They are available on the conference website in September.

Training guide: The greatly praised ODUMUNC training manual, Winning UN Simulations, covers everything delegates need to know as they prepare. At http://www.odu.edu/content/dam/odu/offices/mun/odumunc-delegate-guide-winning-un-simulations.pdf

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

The Faculty Forum

ODUMUNC is delighted to welcome faculty back to our Faculty Forum, a one-day seminar on international affairs with maximum classroom relevance. This year’s Forum marks the 75th anniversary of the founding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in 1949. The Forum, on Saturday 17 February, features ODU professors and NATO officials discussing the future of the world’s dominant military alliance. ODU offers Continuing Education credit for the Faculty Forum.
Committees and Topics

Each country delegation requires a minimum of 4 delegates (one delegate for each of the four General Assembly committees, although two per body is recommended) to a maximum of 19 (with two delegates each in the Security Council, the four GA committees, and ECOSOC, OAS and OPEC), and one delegate each in the three crisis bodies. It is preferable, but not required, that two delegates represent each country in GA and specialized bodies, except crisis simulations. Participation in specialized and crisis bodies is charged delegate fees but not an additional delegation fee.

Registrations for crisis bodies are yes/no. The ODUMUNC Secretary-General, in consultation with faculty sponsors, makes specific to crisis bodies separately.

Each school determines where its individual delegates are assigned. To be eligible for school awards, each delegation must be represented in all its assigned committees.

For committee descriptions, see the website.

Total Delegates Per Country

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Topics by Body

UN Security Council (SC)

- Resolving disputes over contested territories
- Restoring and preserving peace in the Horn of Africa
- Maintaining peace and stability amid growing water shortages

UN General Assembly (GA):

GA First Committee: Disarmament and International Security

- Controlling Lethal Autonomous Weapons
- Measures for resolving disputes between state actors

GA Second Committee: Economic and Financial

- The question of de-dollarization and its impact on the global economy
- Managing free trade under the WTO in an era of rising national tensions
- Managing educational inequality its effects on economic development

GA Fourth Committee: Special Political and Decolonization

- Ending foreign exploitation of mineral resources in Democratic Republic of Congo
- Helping developing and middle-income countries reduce reliance of fossil fuels
- Respect for principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes

UN Special Session, the Climate Change Conference of the Parties 28 (COP28)

- Promoting global utilization of new technologies to reduce the impact of climate change
- Ensuring inclusion of historically marginalized voices in climate policy-making
- Supporting efforts by developing nations to achieve the aims of COP28
Specialized Bodies

**UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**
- Strengthening the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use and Training of Mercenaries
- Establishing sustainable circular economies through the development of waste recycling partnerships
- Aiding efforts to building climate-resilient infrastructure for drought and famine

**Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)**
- Strategies to maximize oil revenues for OPEC Members and Associated States
- Supporting green industrialization efforts through improved oil access
- Preparing OPEC Members and Associated States for decreased oil demand

**Organization of American States, 1971-82 (OAS)**
- On the question of the War on Drugs, 1971
- Responding to the anti-Allende coup in Chile, 1973
- Responding to the Dirty War in Argentina 1974-82

**Crisis Simulations**
- Crisis One: Russian Civil War, 1917-23
- Crisis Two: Congo Crisis, 1960-65
- Crisis Three: Arctic Drilling, 2040
Bodies and Member States

UN General Assembly Member States

Afghanistan  Cambodia  Estonia
Albania  Cameroon  Ethiopia
Algeria  Canada  Fiji
Andorra  Cape Verde  Finland
Angola  Central African Republic  France
Antigua and Barbuda  Chad  Gambia, Islamic Republic of
Argentina  Chile  Georgia
Armenia  China  Germany
Australia  Colombia  Ghana
Austria  Comoros Islands  Greece
Azerbaijan  Congo, Republic of  Grenada
Bahamas  Costa Rica  Guatemala
Bahrain  Cote d’Ivoire  Guyana
Bangladesh  Croatia  Haiti
Barbados  Cuba  Holy See (Observer)
Belarus  Cyprus  Hungary
Belgium  Czech Republic  Iceland
Belize  DPR Korea (North)  India
Benin  Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)  Indonesia
Bhutan  Denmark  Iran
Bolivia, Plurinational State of  Djibouti  Iraq
Bosnia and Herzegovina  Dominica  Ireland
Botswana  Dominican Republic  Israel
Brazil  Ecuador  Italy
Brunei  Egypt  Jamaica
Bulgaria  El Salvador  Jordan
Burkina Faso  Equatorial Guinea  Kazakhstan
Burundi  Eritrea  Kenya

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OPEC Member States
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Angola
Republic of the Congo
Equatorial Guinea
Gabon
Iran
Iraq
Kuwait
Libya
Nigeria
Saudi Arabia
United Arab Emirates
Venezuela, Bolivarian Rep.

OPEC+
Azerbaijan
Bahrain
Brunei

OPEC Crisis Simulations

Crisis One: Russian Civil War, 1917-23
Crisis Two: Congo Crisis, 1960-65
Crisis Three: Arctic Drilling, 2040

Organization of American States, 1971-82 (OAS)
Member States

Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba, Republic of
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Suriname
Trinidad and Tobago
United States
Uruguay
Venezuela, Bolivarian Rep.
**Registration Form**
Registration Deadline: 8 December 2023

School: ________________________________________________

Faculty Advisor: _____________________________________________

Street, City, State, Zip: _______________________________________

Office Phone: ___________________________ Fax: ___________________________

Home / Mobile Phone (emergency only): _____________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________

Approximate Delegate Count: ____   Number of GA Countries Requested: ____

**COUNTRY PREFERENCES**

List your country choices in order of preference. Include no more than two Security Council countries. If a requested country is in a specialized body, we will give you that country in the specialized body.

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UN ECOSOC                  YES / NO
OAS                        YES / NO
OPEC                       YES / NO

Crisis: Russian Civil War, 1917-23             YES / NO
Crisis: UN’s Congo Crisis, 1960-65             YES / NO
Crisis: Arctic Drilling, 2040                  YES / NO

Note: Specialized Body and Crisis Simulation positions are assigned by the Secretary-General, in consultation with faculty sponsors. These assignments may not match your General Assembly country choices.