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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,

Blaizen Buckshot Bloom
Secretary-General
ODU Model United Nations Conference XLVII
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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.

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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, ODUMUN 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.


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
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Bodies and Member States

UN General Assembly Member States

Afghanistan  Afghanistan
Albania  Albania
Algeria  Algeria
Andorra  Andorra
Angola  Angola
Antigua and Barbuda  Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina  Argentina
Armenia  Armenia
Australia  Australia
Austria  Austria
Azerbaijan  Azerbaijan
Bahamas  Bahamas
Bahrain  Bahrain
Bangladesh  Bangladesh
Barbados  Barbados
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Belgium  Belgium
Belize  Belize
Benin  Benin
Bhutan  Bhutan
Bolivia, Plurinational State of  Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina  Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana  Botswana
Brazil  Brazil
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Bulgaria  Bulgaria
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Chad  Chad
Chile  Chile
China  China
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Cote d’Ivoire  Cote d’Ivoire
Croatia  Croatia
Cuba  Cuba
Cyprus  Cyprus
Czech Republic  Czech Republic
DPR Korea (North)  DPR Korea (North)
Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)  Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
Denmark  Denmark
Djibouti  Djibouti
Dominica  Dominica
Dominican Republic  Dominican Republic
Ecuador  Ecuador
Egypt  Egypt
El Salvador  El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea  Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea  Eritrea
Estonia  Estonia
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Fiji  Fiji
Finland  Finland
France  France
Gambia, Islamic Republic of  Gambia, Islamic Republic of
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### ODOMUNC 47 Crisis Simulations

- **Crisis One:** Russian Civil War, 1917-23
- **Crisis Two:** Congo Crisis, 1960-65
- **Crisis Three:** Arctic Drilling, 2040
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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**Register online at**
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**or send this form to**
ODU Model UN Society
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Old Dominion University
Norfolk, Virginia 23529
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757-683-3923 (office)
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