Purpose of the course

The purpose of this course is to prepare students for the Southeast Regional Model United Nations Conference (SRMUN) November 19-21, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. Participation in the entirety of the conference is mandatory; failure to attend all required sessions of the 3 day conference will result in a failing grade. In preparing students delegates for the conference, this course will 1) enable students to learn about the domestic and international politics of their assigned state, 2) instruct students on how to write persuasive position papers, and 3) speak publicly as a persuasive representative of that state.
UNG General Education Learning Outcomes

This course addresses the following learning outcomes:

The student will:

1. Communicate effectively using multiple literacies and forms of expression;
2. Demonstrate analytic, contextual, and holistic thinking;
3. Engage in integrative learning;
4. Reflect critically and take informed action individually as citizens;
5. Analyze ethical interactions in local and global communities.

Course objectives and teaching philosophy

1. Students will apply the theories and structures of international politics to an academic and professional conference setting.
2. Students will develop writing skills for advocacy in the field.
3. Students will hone public speaking, advocacy, and analytical skills in an oral setting.

Teaching Philosophy and Strategy – No knowledge of politics or the international system is necessary to excel in this course. What is necessary is a desire to learn, discuss and share your opinions with others. This class will be structured around a class dialogue in which information, knowledge, and thought will be generated through discussion. While I will guide class discussions and provide lecture and background information, a good portion of the course will require your participation and opinion. I will quickly learn your names and you are expected to participate in class regularly.

Required book

Requirements and grading scale

Two Country Presentations (50pts each; 100 points total): (1) An assigned area a) Government and domestic policy, b) foreign policy, c) key national issues (50pts); 2) practice position papers (50pts)

Position Papers (200 points): Two drafts (50, 75pts) and a final position paper (75pts) required.

Conference Participation (100 points): Level and content of participation and activity at conference will be assessed

Reflection Paper (100 points): Each student must write a five to seven page, double-spaced reflection paper based upon their conference experience.

Grading Scale  A: 90 – 100, B: 80 – 89, C: 70 – 79, D: 60 – 69, F below 60

Make up tests and assignments

If you miss a test, assignment or paper there may be an opportunity for a make-up as long as you contact me with a valid and substantiated excuse within 48 hours of the exam. You must have a valid reason why you missed the test and be able to strongly support your position. If you are sick go to the University Health Center or your personal doctor and get checked out, and obtain documentation with the dates and times you were unable to attend school. You must have full and verifiable documentation in order to qualify for a make-up. Be aware that make ups are given at the sole discretion of the instructor, Dr. Miner. Any test make-up will be in the form that the instructor chooses, normally all essay, and will be far more difficult than the original. Make up exams are a far more likely possibility if you contact me in advance. After the exam, paper, or assignment is due your chances of a makeup drop dramatically.

Country teams (teams of 2 will be chosen for conference):
Australia (6): Garrison Bone, Mitchell Fariss, Benjamin Harkins, Colin Marney, Sarah Hanson, Rachel Williams
Japan (10): Seth Bailey, Grace Boatright, Courtney Graff, Tristan Raub, Marlena Schmidt, Jordan Thrun, John Jackson, Ben Perkins, Leslie Hebert, Ladson Simmons
Turkey (6): Oreva Aki, Clay Carlton, David Coviello, Shyla Giancola, Chris Powell, Rob Young
Course Schedule (will be modified once SRMUN detailed schedule released)

Introduction: The Southeast Regional Model UN Conference (SRMUN)  
(Week of August 17th)  
Turunç text chapters 2 and 4

Introduction: The UN system (Week of August 24th)

Turunç text chapter 1  
(Week of August 31st)

The domestic politics / foreign policy nexus; a primer on foreign policy creation  
(Week of September 7th)

No class September 7th – Labor Day Holiday  
In-class group work on country presentations  
(Week of September 14th)

Country presentations: Australia  
(Week of September 21st)

Country presentations: Japan  
(Week of September 28th)

Country presentations: Turkey  
(Week of October 5th)

SRMUN Rules and Procedure; Turunç text chapter 3  
Position paper draft due Wednesday 10/7 by class time to Turnitin  
(Week of October 12th)

SRMUN COMMITTEES; Turunç text chapter 5  
(Week of October 19th)
SRMUN RESOLUTIONS; Turunç text chapter 6
Position paper draft #2 due Wednesday 10/21 by class time to Turnitin

(Week of October 26th)

Position papers final draft due Wednesday 10/28 by class time to Turnitin; due to be uploaded to SRMUN website by midnight Friday 10/30 (subject to change by SRMUN)

(Week of November 2nd)

Presentations of position papers: Australia

(Week of November 9th)

Presentations of position papers: Japan

(Week of November 16th)

Presentations of position papers: Turkey

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NO CLASS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23rd, Fall Break

(Week of November 30th)

Conference review

SRMUN Conference Reflection Paper Due at end of Final Exam Period: Monday, December 7th by 10am to Turnitin.com
Course policies

Attendance Policy:

Class attendance is mandatory and will be taken at every class.

You are allowed five absences without penalty. Absences in excess of this amount will result in the student being dropped from the course and/or severely penalized in terms of their participation grade.

When possible, students are asked to notify the instructor of absences prior to the date the student will not be attending class. This will allow the student to know if the absence will be considered an excused absence and whether or not assignments or papers need to be turned in early or if quizzes or exams need to be taken early. Students should also recognize that documentation may be required for absences if they are considered excusable absences by the instructor. It remains at the instructor’s discretion whether or not this will be an excused absence from class. If you miss class you are responsible for getting the class material that was covered that day; the instructor and teaching assistant are not responsible for providing the day’s material for an absent student whether or not that student absence is excused.

The bottom line: come to class. If you miss I must have a definitive written excuse on paper or by email within 48 hours of the absence (school days).

If any student in this class is a member of a varsity athletic team or other university organization that requires frequent travel, you must present a schedule of the organization’s events to me during the first two weeks of classes. Additionally, if any of these absences interfere with examination times, a make-up exam must be scheduled. The scheduling of the make-up exam must be done with consultation with the instructor no more than 2 weeks after the exam date.

Turnitin.com information

Turnitin Statement – Students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin. for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as sou documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of
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to the Terms and Conditions of Use posted on the Turnitin.com site.

You will be submitting some of your work to Turnitin for a plagiarism check. More information will be provide on how access Turnitin for this course. In addition the instructor may use other approaches such as Google searches addressing suspected plagiarism.

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Academic Integrity Policy

Honor Code: “On my honor, I will not lie, cheat, steal, plagiarize, evade the truth or tolerate those who do” (2013-2014 Undergraduate Catalogue, Academic Information section, Academic Integrity sub-section ).

To avoid plagiarism, you must give credit whenever you use

- another person's idea, opinion, or theory;

- any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings--any pieces of information--that are not common knowledge;

- quotations of another person's actual spoken or written words; or

- paraphrase of another person's spoken or written words.

- Plagiarism also includes the repeated use of a student’s work from another assignment or class. In other words, a student cannot “recycle” his/her own work from another assignment in the class or any other class and re-use it. Citing prior work also does not get around plagiarism; each assignment must be original.

If the professor concludes that a violation of the Academic Integrity policy has occurred, the professor can (1) penalize the student and file and incider report with the Academic Integrity Council or (2) refer the matter directly to the Academic Integrity Council. If an incident report is filed, the professor will review the completed report with the student and will request that the student sign the report as an indication that the student is aware of its contents.

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If you are caught plagiarizing you will receive a zero on the test, assignment or paper without the opportunity for a second chance; the instructor also reserves the right to fail a student for the course.

University Academic Policies

UNG academic policies are found at the following link: http://ung.edu/academic-affairs/policies-and-guidelines/supplemental-syllabus.php