



High School Model United Nations

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It is my pleasure to cordially invite you to the University of Alberta's High School Model United Nations (HSMUN) 2011 Conference! Over the past nine years, our conference has vastly expanded and this year's HSMUN promises to be the biggest and best yet! Whether you are an experienced delegate or this is your first experience with HSMUN, we have been busy planning an exciting three days that are sure to be a great learning experience as well as a lot of fun. HSMUN is a three day United Nations simulation held on the University of Alberta campus. Students will have the opportunity to take on the role of a UN delegate, representing a country or Non-governmental organization, and discuss pertinent topics. Six multilateral committees will work individually to draft resolutions to the issues at hand before presenting these resolutions at plenary. We have many exciting topics in store this year, ranging from healthcare in natural disasters, to cross-border terrorism and globalization of the cultural industry. We hope that by giving students the opportunity to immerse themselves in multi-lateral communications and decision-making, they will learn about current global issues, the structure and function of the United Nations, the triumphs and challenges of international relations, and the relevance of globalization. We also hope that HSMUN will allow students to gain confidence in their public speaking abilities, and hone their critical thinking skills.

HSMUN 2011 will take place from Thursday February 24 to Saturday February 26, 2011 on the U of A main campus. The conference will commence with opening ceremonies on Thursday night and wrap up on Saturday afternoon with closing plenary. There will also be a banquet and dance for all conference attendees held at the Fantasyland Hotel on Friday evening. The conference fees are \$65 (or \$60 for the early bird rate), and cover the cost of the conference and banquet, as well as a pizza lunch on Saturday. New this year, students will have the opportunity to purchase HSMUN t-shirts for \$15.

I strongly urge you to check out our website, www.ualberta.ca/~hsmun as it will be the main source of conference information. As well, follow the HSMUN blog, which contains important information for delegates. Emails and our website will be the main form of communication, in the interest of sustainability and making the transition to a "green" conference.

This year's HSMUN is full of thought-provoking topics that will encourage delegates to see the broader scope of globalization and the impact of multi-lateral cooperation. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at hsmun@ualberta.ca. We hope you are as excited about the conference as we are! I look forward to meeting you all in February!

Sincerely,

Maggie Danko
Secretary General
HSMUN 2011

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

WHAT

The ninth annual University of Alberta High School Model United Nations Conference is an opportunity for high school students to assume the role of delegates in simulated high-level meetings of United Nations committees including the Security Council, the World Health Organization, and the General Assembly. Students research their country's foreign policy position ahead of time, and then work in mock multilateral committees of approximately 60 delegates to draft, deliberate, and vote upon United Nations resolutions seeking solutions to global problems. This year's committees and topics are attached.



WHERE

The conference will be held on the main Edmonton campus of the University of Alberta. Registration and Opening Ceremonies will take place in the brand new Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS) in the north-west section of the campus. Committee sessions will be held in the Natural Resources Engineering Facility (NREF). The Friday evening banquet will be held at the Fantasyland Hotel in West Edmonton Mall.



WHEN

The Conference will take place 24-26 February 2011. Opening ceremonies and registration will be held on the evening of Thursday, 24 February. Committee Sessions will take place over the following two days. A banquet and dance will be held for all delegates on the evening of Friday the 25th. The plenary and closing sessions will take place on the afternoon of Saturday the 26th.



ACCOMMODATION

Out-of-city schools are responsible for finding their own accommodations in Edmonton. However, we recommend contacting the Lister Conference Center for information. They can be reached by e-mail at guest.services@ualberta.ca or online at <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/conferenceservices/Accommodation.cfm>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE:
[HTTP://WWW.UALBERTA.CA/~HSMUN/](http://www.ualberta.ca/~hsmun/)

WHY ATTEND HSMUN?

UNDERSTAND GLOBAL INTERACTIONS

Model United Nations proceedings are a tremendous way of exposing students to the fundamentals of international relations and global governance. More than 90% of delegates to the 2006 HSMUN conference agreed or strongly agreed that their “understanding of the United Nations and international affairs was improved by the conference.”

“It was great to learn about other countries. I would definitely recommend this event to others for next year” – Student Delegate

CRITICAL DEBATE, COOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS

HSMUN offers an opportunity for students from many different schools and backgrounds to work together to tackle complicated issues of an international scope. In drafting position papers, engaging in deliberations, and collaborating through resolution building, delegates are challenged both to think on their feet, and to sufficiently research their given topics.

“HSMUN gave me a chance to improve on my own research and public speaking skills in a way that just doesn’t happen in the classroom. Here, you want to do well, but it’s not about the grades.” – Student Delegate

AN ENGAGING EXPERIENCE

Given the track record of the conference as offering a compelling simulation of world affairs, it is no surprise that students respond very positively to High School Model United Nations. More than four in five of the grade ten and eleven delegates to HSMUN 2006 agreed that they would “consider attending HSMUN again in the future.”

“I can’t remember the last time I had this much fun doing something educational. I will never forget this!” – Student Delegate

It is also worth noting that an ever-increasing number of the conference volunteer staff is composed of past participants. If you have any questions about our experiences with conferences of past years, or with regards to HSMUN 2011, please send us an email at hsmun@ualberta.ca.



COMMITTEES AND TOPICS

As always, HSMUN aims to provide a variety of committees and expose delegates to topical current issues around the world. During the conference committees will spend the majority of their time reaching agreement on the prescribed topics listed below. However delegates should keep in mind that should a pressing international crisis arise in any committee all debate on their current topic will be suspended until the crisis is resolved.

UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council is the most powerful body of the United Nations, as it alone has the power to make resolutions binding upon member states. It is also one of the most diplomatically challenging committees, as each of the permanent five members has the right to veto draft resolutions. Therefore delegations with seats on the Council will be asked to send two members who are well-prepared to meet the high-paced demands of governing on an international scale.

Prescribed Topic

The Question of Cross Border Terrorism

Region-Specific Topic

Crisis

At this year's conference, delegates will discuss the issue of Cross-Border Terrorism. They will also have the opportunity to resolve a crisis situation which will develop as the conference nears.

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is concerned with combating international crime and helping individual nations in their fight against drugs. Although not a UN committee, the UNODC plays an integral role in reducing international crime and terrorism and is extremely relevant in this globalized age.

This session, the UNODC will discuss the question of human trafficking, specifically in relation to the trafficking of narcotics. This committee will also raise the question of how to deal with and eradicate illicit drug crops.

Prescribed Topics

The Question of Human Trafficking in Relation to Trafficking of Narcotics

The Question of Dealing with and Eradicating Illicit Drug Crops

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)

The WHO is tasked with the maintenance of international public health. It makes recommendations for measures and policies to improve health outcomes for people around the world.

This year, WHO will be addressing the question of access to healthcare during and after natural disasters, as well as the complex issue of the appropriate use of conventional and traditional medicines.

Prescribed Topics

The Question of Access to Healthcare During and After Natural Disasters

The Question of Appropriate Use of Traditional and Conventional Medications

GENERAL ASSEMBLY II – ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

ECOFIN is the second body of the General assembly, and is mandated to deal with issues pertaining to economic growth and development. It also deals with sustainable development and globalization.

This year's committee will seek to address the question of sustainable technological development and the question of globalization of the cultural industry.

Prescribed Topics

The Question of Sustainable Technological Development

The Question of Globalization of the Cultural Industry



PRESS CORPS

Participants in the press corps will be assigned particular committees to follow and be responsible for reporting to the *Daily Delegate* newspaper and *International News Net* video briefings at the end of each session of debate. The Press Corps at HSMUN plays an important role in ensuring debates in committees stay on topic, are productive and efficient, and that specific delegations follow their foreign policies. Positions in the Press Corps are limited so schools are asked to send no more than 3 press delegates (unless space permits)

UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN’S EMERGENCY FUND (UNICEF)

The United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) acts as an advocate for the rights of children around the world. This committee operates with the goal of eradicating violence and discrimination against children as well as decreasing child poverty and disease.

Delegates in UNICEF will discuss solutions to the problem of preventing and controlling child malnutrition, and will deal with the question of coordinating international efforts to fight child pornography on the internet.

Prescribed Topics

The Question of Preventing and Controlling Child Malnutrition

The Question of Coordinating International Efforts Against Child Pornography in the Internet



GENERAL ASSEMBLY I - DISARMAMENT AND SECURITY (GA I – DISEC)

The first committee of the United Nations General Assembly, DISEC, has a mandate to discuss those issues pertaining to international peace and security which are not under deliberation by the Security Council. This committee is often called upon to make resolutions to secure peace into the future.

At the 2011 HSMUN Conference delegates will be asked to grapple with the ambiguities of international law. Delegates will be faced with the question of militarization of borders. They will also have the task of creating a framework for nations that disobey disarmament agreements.

Prescribed Topics

The Question of Militarization of Borders

Creating a Framework to deal with “Cheaters” in Disarmament Agreements

HSMUN 2011 DELEGATIONS LIST

Delegation	Security Council	UNODC	World Health Organization	GA1: DISEC	GA2: ECOFIN	UNICEF
<i>Afghanistan</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Algeria</i>			X	X	X	X
<i>Angola</i>		X	X	X	X	
<i>Argentina</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Armenia</i>			X	X	X	X
<i>Australia</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Austria</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Azerbaijan</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Bahamas</i>		X	X		X	X
<i>Bahrain</i>		X	X		X	X
<i>Bangladesh</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Belarus</i>			X	X	X	X
<i>Belgium</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Benin</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Bolivia</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Botswana</i>			X	X	X	X
<i>Brazil</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Bulgaria</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Burkina Faso</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Burundi</i>			X	X	X	X
<i>Cambodia</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Cameroon</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Canada</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Chile</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>China, P.R.</i>	P	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Colombia</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Congo, D.R.</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Congo, Rep.</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Costa Rica</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Côte d'Ivoire</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Croatia</i>			X	X	X	X
<i>Cuba</i>			X	X	X	X
<i>Cyprus</i>			X	X	X	X
<i>Czech Republic</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Denmark</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Djibouti</i>		X	X	X	X	X

<i>Dominican Republic</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Ecuador</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Egypt</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>El Salvador</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Ethiopia</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Fiji</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Finland</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>France</i>	P	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Gabon</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Germany</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Ghana</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Greece</i>			X	X	X	X
<i>Guatemala</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Guinea</i>		X	X	X	X	
<i>Haiti</i>			X	X	X	X
<i>Hungary</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Iceland</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>India</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Indonesia</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Iran</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Iraq</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Ireland</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Israel</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Italy</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Jamaica</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Japan</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Jordan</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Kazakhstan</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Kenya</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Korea, D.P.R.</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Korea, Rep.</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Kuwait</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Latvia</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Lebanon</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Liberia</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Libya</i>		X	X	X	X	
<i>Lithuania</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Macedonia, F.Y.R.</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Madagascar</i>			X	X		X
<i>Malaysia</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Mali</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Mauritania</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Mauritius</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Mexico</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Morocco</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Mozambique</i>		X	X	X		X

<i>Nepal</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Netherlands</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>New Zealand</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Nicaragua</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Nigeria</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Norway</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Pakistan</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Panama</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Paraguay</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Peru</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Philippines</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Poland</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Portugal</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Qatar</i>		X	X	X	X	
<i>Romania</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Russian Federation</i>	P	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Rwanda</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Senegal</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Serbia</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Sierra Leone</i>		X	X	X	X	
<i>Singapore</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Slovakia</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Slovenia</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Somalia</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>South Africa</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Spain</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Sri Lanka</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Sudan</i>		X	X	X		X
<i>Sweden</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Switzerland</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Syrian Arab Republic</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Tajikistan</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Tanzania, United Republic of</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Thailand</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Tunisia</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Turkey</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Uganda</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Ukraine</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>United Kingdom</i>	P	X	X	X	X	X
<i>United States of America</i>	P	X	X	X	X	X

<i>Uruguay</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Uzbekistan</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Venezuela</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Vietnam</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Yemen</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Zambia</i>		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Zimbabwe</i>		X	X	X	X	
<i>Holy See</i>		O	O	O	O	O
<i>Palestine</i>		O	O	O	O	O
<i>Amnesty International</i>		O	O	O		O
<i>International Council of Women</i>		O	O			O
<i>International Committee of the Red Cross</i>		O	O			O
<i>International Organisation of Employers</i>		O	O		O	
<i>International Trade Union Confederation</i>		O	O		O	

Note: Delegations with observer status (marked "O") may participate fully in committee debates and proceedings, but are not allowed to vote on substantive motions or sponsor draft resolutions and amendments.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Thanks for your interest in HSMUN 2011, which runs from February 24-26, 2011!

Please complete this registration form and email it to hsmun@ualberta.ca.

Registration will open on November 16. If you would like to be considered in the first round of delegation assignments, please submit all the necessary information by December 3, 2010. Thereafter, delegations will be assigned on a case-by-case basis. *Please note: Teams registering within the first assignment period are limited to a maximum of 50 students (there is no minimum number). After December 3, 2010 they are free to register as many additional students as space permits.*

The total fee for each delegate is \$65. However, **if fees are paid before December 22, 2010, there is an early payment price of only \$60 per delegate.** Fees paid on or after December 22nd, 2010 are subject to the full price of \$65. **Registration fees are due no later than January 31, 2011.** Fees are fully refundable up until that date. Fees will be payable for all delegations registered on the 31st, even if they do not attend the conference. Cheques should be made payable to “University of Alberta High School Model UN” *Please note: If fees pose a financial burden to student participation, please contact us at hsmun@ualberta.ca with regards to our bursary program.*

New to HSMUN 2011: T-shirts will be available for \$15. Please indicate how many shirts your school would like to purchase, and submit payment with the delegate fees. Payment for T-shirts must be received by January 14th, 2011, as we will be placing the order at that time.

If you have any questions regarding our registration process please do not hesitate to email us at hsmun@ualberta.ca or consult our [Invitation package](#). Thanks!

Contact Information

School Name:

School Address:

Are you a school-sanctioned team? Yes or No

Supervisor's Name:

Supervisor's Email:

Team Contact's Name (if different from supervisor):

Team Contact's Email:

T-Shirt Information

Total number of T-shirts: _____

Sizes (please indicate how many shirts you would like in each size):

XS _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE –
[WWW.UALBERTA.CA/~HSMUN](http://www.ualberta.ca/~hsmun) OR EMAIL [HSMUN@UALBERTA.CA](mailto:hsmun@ualberta.ca)

Delegate Information

Total Number of Non-Press Delegates:

Total Number of Press Delegates:

List of Preferred Delegations (Please give at least 5. A full list is available at ualberta.ca/~hsmun/countries.html):

All Non-Press Delegate Names and Email Addresses (These will be used to send delegate preparation materials and conference information directly to students.):

All Press Delegate Names and Email Addresses:

Summary of Fees

Total number of delegate with earlybird payment: _____ x\$60 = \$_____

Total number of delegates with normal payment: _____ x\$65 = \$_____

Total number of T-Shirts: _____ x\$15 = \$_____

Total Payment = \$_____