



Model United Nations Starter Packet

Tallahassee Southern Model United Nations

What is Model United Nations?

Model UN provides the opportunity for students to debate contemporary world issues on the United Nations agenda. In retrospect, students become state ambassadors for the purpose of defending their country's view while debating these crucial areas of concern. Students write speeches, prepare draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and practice the conference rules of procedure within UN committees. This is all done in the interest of mobilizing "international cooperation" to resolve matters of contention within the contemporary world system. As the world continues to shift, the United Nations works to shift and adapt with it and its citizens. For this reason, and many more, Model UN conferences work to provide students with a world perspective in the effort to enhance the knowledge of the world we live in.

Starting an MUN Club

IT IS EASY!!! Whether you're a student or teacher in any organization or school, Tallahassee Southern Model United Nations is willing to help. Over the past 27 years the TSMUN staff and Board have started numerous clubs in different schools and organizations. TSMUN staff and alumni are located around Florida and are easily accessible to train your delegates and teach you everything that you need to know to be a successful delegate or advisor in any Model United Nations conference. If you have any questions or you are ready to assemble an MUN group at your school, please contact the Secretary General and they will meet with you and establish your MUN club.

What is Tallahassee Southern Model United Nations?

Tallahassee Southern Model United Nations (TSMUN) is a one-day conference for students in middle and high school. Held in Tallahassee, Florida, TSMUN is a great opportunity for students just becoming involved in Model United Nations.

Some quick dates:

- First Simulation- Jan 14, 2023
- TSMUN XVIII- February 10, 2023

What are Simulations?

Two simulations will be held before the date of the conference in February and they exist as an opportunity to understand the process and language of Model United Nations. At these simulations, we teach students rules and procedures of committee sessions so that they are better prepared for the conference. We will provide an interactive simulation of a committee session with trained TCC Model United Nations members available to answer questions, offer support and direction.. These simulations are not required for students attending TSMUN, however attendance to at least one is recommended for first time delegates.

FAQS

- How do I register to TSMUN?

You can register for TSMUN by going to our website at www.tsmun.org and clicking on the registration tab at the top of the page! When you register, you will be asked to list your preference for countries. A country matrix is provided on the registration page to show you which countries have already been assigned.

- Who can participate?

Anyone can participate! TSMUN offers a learning experience for all students whether they love science, politics, history, math, or any other subject.

- What are the benefits?

There are several benefits to attending TSMUN or any Model United Nations conference. Students will gain useful skills that they will use in college and beyond.

- Research skills
- Team work
- Public speaking
- Communication
- Informal writing

- **Why TSMUN?**

We offer an open and friendly environment where students can ask questions and receive training to help them.

GLOSSARY

(a list of common terms useful to potential advisors)

- **Background Guide (BG)** - your background information is provided to you by your committee Director. She/he has put together information relevant to your committee and its topics. Using the background guide will give you a good start towards researching your topics and how to resolve them.
- **Delegation** - a delegation is the entire makeup of your team representing a country. You may represent one or more countries during this conference and each country equals a delegation.
- **Director** - the person most responsible for putting together your Background Guide and running your committee. If you have any questions or concerns, he is the person you should address.
- **Head Delegate** - an experienced member of your team, who helps teach and support fellow members with their country's profile, and committee's topics.
- **In Character** - acting as a professional delegate of your country, personifying the aims, ideals, and goals of your country, and not deviating from them in any way.
- **Member State** - a member nation of the United Nations with voting rights.
- **Position Paper** - your country's official stance regarding the topics in your committee.
- **Secretariat** - this body consists of the Secretary General, Director General, Undersecretary General, and Deputy Director General.