



## WORKSHOP: NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS – SAMPLE SCHEDULE

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This workshop is about the practice of international diplomacy. Its major aim is to prepare the student delegation of the University of Tübingen to represent the political interests of a specific country at the National Model UN Conference (NMUN) in New York in April 2019. The preparation programme includes an introduction to the UN Rules of procedure, negotiation techniques, rhetoric and speech trainings, and intensive work on specific UN topics as well as on the country that the Tübingen delegation will represent in New York.

### Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing this course, you should

1. have an in-depth insight into the functioning and detailed procedures of the UN;
2. have gained expert knowledge on specific topics which are on the agenda of various UN committees, including humanitarian, economic, environmental, developmental, and security issues of international relations;
3. have gained expertise on a specific country and its foreign policy objectives at the global and the regional level and within the UN;
4. be able to discuss issues of international politics and the conflicts that evolve around them at the UN level from various perspectives;
5. have trained a number of soft skills, such as analytical skills, free speech, writing and presentation skills, and team work.

### Course Work

1. Presentation in class about the represented country (in groups of 3-5);
2. Presentation in class of three topics from the agenda of your UN committee (in groups of 2)
3. Preparation of a *Position Paper* (your country's foreign policy objectives with respect to the agenda topics) (two drafts, one final; in groups of 2)

### Certificates

1. You can get a marked certificate with 4 ECTS. The mark is based on the position paper and your active participation in the workshop.
2. You get another 4 ECTS for your participation in the related seminar "The United Nations: Politics and Policies".
3. Optional: If you hand in a term paper in either of both courses, you get another 4 ECTS. This paper will be an extended version of the Position Paper, in which you reflect upon the specific foreign policy positions of your country from a theoretically informed perspective.

## General Notes

1. Rather than a 'normal' seminar, NMUN is a project that requires dedication beyond the regular workshop hours. There are a number of mandatory extra activities, such as weekend training simulations, speech trainings and possibly fundraising activities. If your application for NMUN is successful, you are expected to participate actively in all of this and to play your part in the project to make it a successful and rewarding experience for everybody.
2. Throughout the semester, there will be several deadlines (to hand in presentations or position paper drafts, or regarding organizational aspects). We expect you to strictly respect those deadlines, as this is crucial to the overall success of the project.
3. After a selection procedure, the decision about the applications will be announced in early November. Until the announcement, a withdrawal from your application is without any consequences. Once acceptance notices are out, a **later withdrawal creates tremendous hassle, organisational chaos and presumably financial costs for the remaining fellow students**. Thus, you have three weeks to think carefully whether you want to participate in NMUN and whether you can afford to do so in terms of money and time. We urgently ask you to address any doubts or open questions concerning your application honestly and prior to the announcement of the selection procedure's results.
4. NMUN costs money. Unfortunately, neither the Institute of Political Science nor the University can offer full funding. We make an effort though to apply for additional funding in order to reduce individual costs. At the beginning of the semester, you will be asked to transfer 335€ to the university. In the past, these fees plus funding from DAAD and Universitätsbund Tübingen were sufficient to cover the costs for conference registration and accommodation in New York. You still need to pay for your flight and food. Whether DAAD and Universitätsbund will provide funding again, is likely but in no way certain. Further details on the costs will be provided in the workshop.

## Session Overview

Tue, 16.10.	<b>Session 1:</b> Introduction + Application Process
Sat, 20.10.   10pm	<b>DEADLINE</b> Application → CV, Department Preferences, Motivation Letter
Tue, 23.10.	<b>Session 2:</b> Rules of Procedure, Agenda Setting Speeches (ASS), Country Choice for first simulation
Mon, 29.10.   10pm	<b>DEADLINE</b> Essays (see first session for details)
Tue, 30.10.	<b>Session 3:</b> Initial speech training (prepared ASS)
Mon, 05.11.	Acceptance notice
Tue, 06.11.	<b>Session 4:</b> Resolution (and Report) Writing, Presentation Groups, Committees
Sat, 10.11. + Sun, 11.11.	<b>First Simulation</b>   room 124   10-18
Tue, 13.11.	<b>Session 5:</b> Landmark Documents, Position Papers
Fri, 16.11.	Announcement Committees
Sun, 18.11.   10 pm	<b>DEADLINE</b> Presentations “Get to know your country”
Tue, 20.11.	<b>Session 6:</b> Get to know your country
Tue, 27.11.	<b>Session 7:</b> Introduction to committee topics
Tue, 04.12.	<b>Session 8:</b> Introduction to committee topics (cont’d)
Thur, 06.12.	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Landmark Documents   11:30 pm
Tue, 11.12.	<b>Session 9:</b> Negotiation Techniques
Tue, 18.12.	<b>Session 10:</b> NMUN Christmas Party
Fri, 21.12.	<b>DEADLINE</b> Position Paper I (Feedback until Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> at the latest)
<b>Christmas Holiday: Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Jan 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
Tue, 08.01.	<b>Session 11:</b> Open Session
Thur, 10.01.	<b>Clubhausfest</b> organized jointly with Fachschaft Politik
Tue, 15.01.	<b>Session 12:</b> Individual PP Feedback (individual meetings with committees)
Sat, 19.01.	Hohenheim Castle MUN (HCMUN)
Tue, 22.01.	<b>Session 13:</b> HCMUN Feedback + Preparation for TMUN
Fri, 25.01.	<b>DEADLINE</b> Position Paper II (Feedback until 1 Feb)
Sun, 27.01.	Cevey Consulting Speech Training   8:30 am – 2 pm   room 124, IfP
Tue, 29.01.	<b>Session 14:</b> Position Paper Peer Tutoring and Strategy Session
Tue, 05.02.	<b>Session 15:</b> TMUN/ New York preparation
Fri, 08.02.	Tübingen Model UN (TMUN); afterwards: TMUN Party
12.-15.02.	Field Trip to Geneva
Fri, 22.02.	<b>DEADLINE</b> Position Paper III (the last one!!!)
Mon, 05.03	<b>DEADLINE</b> Strategy Paper
Late March/ early April	NMUN at Sheraton/Hilton; New York City