

# Vesalius College

## Course description

**Course title:** Model United Nations

**Course code:** POL 315 / POL 315E

**Teacher responsible:** Bruno de Vuyst

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By simulating the workings of the various organs of the United Nations and other multi-lateral organizations, MUN provides delegates with the opportunity to expand their understanding of diplomacy, global geopolitics and international relations. This academic experience is complemented by the diversity of the delegate base, providing opportunities for the delegates to forge friendship that transcend nationality.

**Course objectives:**

The purpose of this course is to prepare students to attend the annual Harvard World Model United Nations (MUN) simulation held annually in the spring. The Model United Nations is an annual forum that gathers students from around the world to discuss the possibilities and problems of today's world. Each year, Vesalius students represent one or more countries at the MUN-meeting, speaking on behalf of that country on a variety of issues decided on a year-to-year basis.

**Grade weighting scheme:**

Grading is Pass/Fail, but whether you pass, or fail, is determined by a set of factors: your attendance record, the quality of your country research and draft resolutions, your MUN simulation record, and by the summary report you will write after the conference.

-Attendance	25 %	Each unexcused absence costs 5 %. Those who reduce themselves to 0 % get an F.
-MUN simulations record while at MUN	50 %	Format: quality of participation
-MUN summary report	25 %	Format : summary of your MUN experience
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<b>-COURSE GRADE</b>	<b>100 %</b>	

**Used course material (handbooks, readers, readings, newspapers, magazines) and references:**

Textbook: United Nations. *Basic Facts About the United Nations*. New York: United Nations Publications.

Other: Model United Nations Delegate Handbook, issues papers and bibliographies (available through the MUN Secretariat and website (for now <http://www.worldmun.org/2006/> ).