Seminar: Model United Nations (MUN)

Language: English
ECTS-Credits: 5
Kickoff-Event: 28.09.2017
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The United Nations Organization (UNO) is an international organization committed to maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations and promoting social progress, better living standards and human rights. In order to achieve multilateral resolutions, official delegates negotiate in a highly complex, multilateral system.

In this seminar you will get an insight into the United Nations Organization. In the course of two semesters (HS 2017 and FS 2018), seminar participants receive coaching by experienced members of the student association MUN Bern. The coaching consists of workshops in international negotiations, international politics and MUN simulations. One of the goals of the seminar is to prepare students for the successful participation in a Model United Nations (MUN) Conference. MUN Conferences are an academic simulation of the United Nations, aiming to educate participants about the UN, international relations and diplomacy. Students from all over the world engage in the role of diplomats, representing various countries or NGOs during simulated sessions and committees of the United Nations.

The below list gives an overview of the events taking place during the seminar. In order to receive credit points, at least 4 out of the 6 events with an asterisk (*) and the one-day-simulation CapitalMUN in Bern have to be attended.

28.09.2017 Kickoff Event
02.11.2017 Workshop “Working Paper goes Resolution” *
09.11.2017 MUN Simulation I*
16.11.2017 MUN Simulation II*
23.11.2017 MUN Simulation III*
14.12.2017 Position Paper Workshop*

03.03.2017 CapitalMUN, Bern

The evaluation will be based 50% on students’ preparation, presentation and commitment in the one-day-simulation (CapitalMUN), and 50% on their written Position Paper for said simulation. Participation in an external conference is voluntary and not required for a successful completion of the seminar.

The seminar is open for Major and Minor law students on the Bachelor’s or Master’s level and Major and Minor history students on the Bachelor’s and Master’s level. The course language is English, therefore solid knowledge of English is essential but proof of language skills is not required. If you would like to participate, you should be interested in international negotiations, global politics, the United Nations and discussions concerning related fields such as economic, social or legal topics.

Registration opens from Monday, 18 September 2017, 09:00 to Monday, 16 October 2017 23:59. The participation is limited to 20 students. The acceptance to the seminar is based on your motivation letter, not on a first-come, first-served basis. Please send your registration with a short motivation letter, name, first name, address, e-mail, phone number, registration number (Matrikelnummer), current field of study (e.g. law), level (e.g. Bachelor), number of semesters studied and confirmation of attendance “Einführung in die juristische Arbeitstechnik” (only for law students) to: kelly.bishop@oefre.unibe.ch

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