

# MUNtastic Course Outline

## **Session 1:**

An Introduction to the United Nations

In the first session, we'll have a brief introduction to one-another and a small ice-breaker. We'll go over what we expect to gain out of the entire course, and then we'll have an introduction to the UN. The history, functions, principal organs, organizations and notable work will be covered. We'll also go over the relevance of the UN, and why it has an important place in today's world.

## **Session 2:**

What's a MUN?

We'll go over the composition of an MUN, and how everything is structured. We'll then dive into the basics: Rules of Procedure, Position Papers and the General Speaker's List Speeches.

## **Session 3:**

Researching and Lobbying

We'll go over how to effectively research for a Model UN Conference, including aspects of what one can identify as a credible source and when they can do so. We'll then cover lobbying, and how one can become an effective lobbyist, using some examples and some activities.

## **Session 4:**

Public Speaking and being an effective MUNer

We'll develop your ability to effectively communicate, lobby and network with delegates in a conference setting. We'll be looking at some notable and powerful speeches made, and collectively aim to identify common characteristics between them to understand how one can be an effective and eloquent speaker in committee.

## **Session 5:**

Speeches

The fifth session will be solely dedicated to speeches. We'll evaluate and develop the effectiveness of each participants' speech individually, and will discuss strengths and weaknesses in a group to ensure everyone is able to develop their speech making abilities

### **Session 6:**

Foreign Policy and Paperwork

We'll go over Foreign Policy, and why it's the most important aspect of what is said and done in committee. We'll understand the foreign policy of key nations, and note important resources and repositories wherein a nation's foreign policy can be understood. We'll then go over

### **Session 7:**

Unconventional Committees

We'll familiarize ourselves with unconventional committees, and key strategies to excel in them. We'll understand what they are, and how they're (a little) different from a conventional MUN Committee.

### **Session 8:**

The Executive Board

We'll understand how the Executive Board functions, who they comprise of, and how they judge delegates. We'll conduct exercises to help participants understand how the Chairperson thinks, and what they're looking for in a delegate

### **Session 9:**

Functioning efficiently in committee

We'll learn how to speak in moderated caucuses, and how one should ensure they can be effective speakers in stressful situations. We'll also understand how to conduct oneself in an unmoderated caucus, and key strategies to control and dominate the committee.

### **Session 10:**

Revisiting previous sessions and answering doubts

We'll revisit each session and consolidate what we've learned. We'll go-over and answer doubts as well.