



ODUMUNC 49

Beneath the Headlines

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Welcome Packet

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Welcome from the ODUMUNC 49 Secretary-General

Esteemed Delegates, Faculty and Guests,

It is our Secretariat's greatest honor and privilege to welcome you to the 2026 ODU Model United Nations Conference, ODUMUNC 49, at the Norfolk Sheraton Waterside Hotel.

The conference this year was inspired by our visit to the UN in May 2025. Our guide, from Berlin, noted how many issues around the world don't get the attention they need or deserve, crowded out of a very short news cycle.

Many people and issues in dire need of UN attention often are a secondary focus, pushed aside by matters of greater political importance. These include the deadliest war happening anywhere today, in Sudan, women's education, the spread of conventional weapons, prevention of non-communicable diseases, or reform of the UN itself. Overlooked, but only at grave cost, these kinds of issues inspire our theme for this year, *Beneath the Headlines*.

Beneath the Headlines focuses attention on people and issues that deserve more attention in front of the world stage. We are very proud to bringing one-thousand delegates to the Norfolk to work on these problems, to show the progress that can be made, or the barriers that remain to be overcome. We are delighted your school can be part of it.

For complete info to register, see our [Welcome packet](#). We are excited to welcome you back for our 49th year. We look forward to seeing you at the Opening Ceremony on Friday, 13 February 2026!

Elizjah Eddy, Secretary-General
ODU Model United Nations Conference XLIX
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Photo: Elizjah Eddy at the UN
New York, May 2025



About ODUMUNC

The Old Dominion University Model United Nations Conference is a three-day educational simulation for high school students. Students learn about countries, issues, and diplomacy through experiential learning and role playing.

We bring together over 800 delegates come together every year in February, during the convenient President's Day weekend. In preparation, delegates research their country's culture, government, foreign policies, positions, and priorities as well as the topics under discussion. This year we will return once again to the Sheraton Waterside Hotel in downtown Norfolk, Virginia.

At the conference, delegates promote their countries' policies, guided by leadership from ODUMUNC's experienced staff, using parliamentary rules and diplomatic practices to achieve their delegation's goals.



ODUMUNC Secretary-General J Belin and President Myles Perry at the Opening Ceremony for ODUMUNC 48, February 2022

ODUMUNC 49 Timeline

10 Oct.	Early registration deadline
5 Dec.	Registration form & fee due
30 Jan.	All payments due
30 Jan.	Delegate list due
5 & 12 Feb.	Training sessions
13-15 Feb.	ODUMUNC 49!

Registration Schedule

Early registration: due Friday 10 October 2025. Register early to ensure your country selections, at <https://www.odu.edu/modelun/conference/registration>. To register early, send your completed registration form and \$75 registration fee by 10 October 2025. Pay by credit card on our website, or by check payable to *ODU Model United Nations*.

Final registration: due Friday 5 December 2025. Register online or mail your registration form and initial fee of \$75. We'll try, but we cannot guarantee registration requests received after 5 December. Late registrations are assessed an \$80 late fee. Final payment is due 30 January 2026.

Refund requests deadline: Friday 30 January 2026. See refund procedures below.

Delegate Name List: due Friday 30 January 2026: Assure your school's name badges are ready at conference registration by sending your final list of delegate names—with country and committee assignments—by 30 January 2026. Find the form at <https://www.odu.edu/modelun/conference/registration>

Delegations: Billing is based on General Assembly countries. A single country delegation includes four to nineteen students, depending on whether the country is represented only in the General Assembly or also specialized bodies like the IAEA and NATO, and crisis simulations. There is no additional delegation fee for participants in specialized bodies and crisis simulations. Schools can bring several country delegations.

Photo Release: By registering and submitting participants' names, sponsors grant Old Dominion University and the ODU Model United Nations Society permission to use their school's participants' names and/or photographs in ODU media both in print and electronic. Every effort will be made to secure specific permission before using photographs.



Last time. The ODUMUNC 48
planning team at the UN
May 2024



To Register

Register on-line at: <https://www.odu.edu/modelun/conference/registration>

Or mail your registration form to:

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Conference Fees

The school registration fee is **\$75**, due 5 December 2025.

All other fees are due 30 January 2026 Other fees:

\$75 Each Delegation (General Assembly country)
\$75 Each individual Delegate
\$45 Additional Faculty Advisors (first Advisor is free)
\$80 Late Registration Surcharge (after 5 December 2025)

Payments are accepted by check or card. Make checks payable to *ODU Model United Nations*. Card payments can be made on the website registration page, <https://www.odu.edu/modelun/conference/registration>

Refund Policy

The registration fee of \$75 is non-refundable. Refund requests received in writing by the ODUMUNC Secretary-General on or before 30 January 2026 will be reimbursed up to 80 percent of other fees including delegation, delegate, and faculty sponsor fees. Refund requests will not be considered after 30 January 2026 except for documented sickness, medical emergency, or official school closings due to weather.

As part of Old Dominion University, ODUMUN is subject to all ODU and Commonwealth of Virginia policies and procedures and may require additional supporting documentation for payment of refunds. We do not offer credit for future conferences.

Conference Fees

School Registration	\$ 75
Delegation	\$ 75
Individual Delegate	\$ 75
Additional Faculty Advisor	\$ 45
Late Delegation Fee	\$ 80



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Delegate Events

Training Sessions

Led by our College Conference team, ODUMUNC features on-line and in-person welcome and training sessions, hosted on-line Thursday 5 February and in-person at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel on Thursday 12 February:

ODUMUNC 101 focuses on preparation for the General Assembly and specialized bodies.

ODUMUNC 102 is for delegates preparing for crisis simulations.

Delegate Events: Karaoke Night and the Delegate Dance

Karaoke Night: Thursday 12 February

The Delegate Dance: Saturday 14 February



For Faculty Sponsors

Issue briefs: Provide background information on committees and topics. They are available on the conference website in September.

Training guide: The greatly praised ODUMUNC training manual, *Winning UN Simulations*, covers everything delegates need to know as they prepare. Find it at <https://www.odu.edu/modelun/conference/resources>

Support services: The ODU Model UN Society is ready to help your students prepare. Our staff can come to regional schools for classroom training, over zoom, or you can have your class meet with us at ODU.

The Faculty Forum

ODUMUNC is delighted to welcome faculty back to our *Faculty Forum*, a one-day seminar on international affairs with maximum classroom relevance. This year's Forum focuses on the conference theme, *Beneath the Headlines*, addressing issues of vital importance shaping our global future.

The Faculty Forum, on Saturday 14 February, features ODU professors and visiting experts discussing the future of the multilateral international cooperation. ODU offers Continuing Education credit for the Faculty Forum.



The Norfolk Naval Shipyard as seen from the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, and the nearby WWII battleship USS Wisconsin.



Committees and Topics

Each country delegation requires a minimum of 4 delegates (one delegate for each of the four General Assembly committees, although two delegates per body is highly recommended) to a maximum of 19 (with two delegates each in the Security Council, the four GA committees, and ECOSOC, IAEA and NATO), and one delegate each in the three crisis bodies. It is preferable, but not required, that two delegates represent each country in the SC, GA and specialized bodies, except crisis simulations. Participation in specialized and crisis bodies is charged delegate fees but not additional delegation fees.

Registrations for crisis bodies are yes/no. The ODUMUNC Secretary-General, in consultation with faculty sponsors, makes specific assignments to crisis bodies separately.

Each school determines where its individual delegates are assigned. *To be eligible for school awards, each delegation must be represented in all its assigned committees.*

For detailed committee descriptions, see the website, <https://www.odu.edu/modelun/conference>



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Total Delegates Per Country

Country Delegation	United Nations Bodies			Specialized and Crisis Bodies					Total Delegates
	SC	GA	ECOSOC	IAEA	NATO	Crisis One	Crisis Two	Crisis Three	
<i>Minimum</i> delegation	4								4
<i>Maximum</i> delegation	2	8	2	2	2	1	1	1	up to 19

2026 ODUMUNC Topics by Body

UN Security Council (SC)

- The situation in Sudan
- The question of security and rule of law in Haiti
- Counterterrorism and protection of civilians in Yemen
- Protection of civilians in armed conflict

UN General Assembly (GA):

GA First Committee: Disarmament and International Security

- Controlling the international trade in conventional weapons
- Preventing acquisition by terrorists of radioactive sources
- Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control
- Elimination of anti-personnel mines and their destruction

GA Third Committee: Social, Humanitarian and Cultural

- Strengthening coastal resilience
- The right to education by every girl
- Rights of the child

GA Fourth Committee: Special Political and Decolonization

- Eradicating colonialism in all its forms and manifestations
- Preventing and combating corrupt practices
- The fight against all forms of transnational organized crime

United Nations Special Session on UN Reform

- Ensuring effectiveness of the Security Council in international peace and security
- Representation of UN Member States on the Security Council
- Reforms to cut UN costs and improve efficiency
- Strengthening fair and efficient funding of UN activity



Specialized Bodies

UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

- Enhancing the World Food Program
- Mainstreaming a gender perspective throughout the UN system
- Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals
- Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

- Promoting peaceful use of civilian nuclear power
- Managing environmental and security challenges of spent nuclear fuel
- Ensuring the security of nuclear facilities
- Strengthening IAEA safeguards to prevent clandestine nuclear weaponization

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

- Strengthening Article Five mutual security assurances
- Making deterrence by NATO Member States credible
- NATO policy on security challenges outside Europe
- NATO membership expansion: Georgia and Ukraine

Crisis Simulations

- Crisis One: Berlin Wall, 1961, 1989
- Crisis Two: Lord of The Rings
- Crisis Three: Hunger Games



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Bodies and Member States

UN General Assembly Member States

Afghanistan
 Albania
 Algeria
 Andorra
 Angola
 Antigua and Barbuda
 Argentina
 Armenia
 Australia
 Austria
 Azerbaijan
 Bahamas
 Bahrain
 Bangladesh
 Barbados
 Belarus
 Belgium
 Belize
 Benin
 Bhutan
 Bolivia, Plurinational
 State of
 Bosnia and Herzegovina
 Botswana
 Brazil
 Brunei
 Bulgaria
 Burkina Faso
 Burundi
 Cambodia
 Cameroon
 Canada
 Cape Verde

Central African Republic
 Chad
 Chile
 China
 Colombia
 Comoros Islands
 Congo, Republic of
 Costa Rica
 Cote d'Ivoire
 Croatia
 Cuba
 Cyprus
 Czech Republic
 DPR Korea (North)
 Democratic Republic of
 Congo (DRC)
 Denmark
 Djibouti
 Dominica
 Dominican Republic
 Ecuador
 Egypt
 El Salvador
 Equatorial Guinea
 Eritrea
 Estonia
 Ethiopia
 Fiji
 Finland
 France
 Gambia, Islamic
 Republic of
 Georgia

Germany
 Ghana
 Greece
 Grenada
 Guatemala
 Guinea
 Guinea Bissau
 Guyana
 Haiti
 Holy See (Observer)
 Honduras
 Hungary
 Iceland
 India
 Indonesia
 Iran
 Iraq
 Ireland
 Israel
 Italy
 Jamaica
 Japan
 Jordan
 Kazakhstan
 Kenya
 Kiribati
 Kuwait
 Kyrgyzstan
 Lao People's Democratic
 Republic
 Latvia
 Lebanon
 Lesotho



Liberia
Libya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia
Monaco
Mongolia
Montenegro
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
North Macedonia
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Palau

Palestine (Observer)
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Rep. of Korea (South)
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Samoa
San Marino
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Africa
South Sudan
Spain
Sri Lanka
St. Kitts and Nevis
St. Lucia

St. Vincent and the
Grenadines
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Tajikistan
Tanzania, United
Republic of
Timor-Leste
Thailand
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu
Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
United States of America
Uruguay
Uzbekistan
Vanuatu
Venezuela, Bolivarian
Rep.
Viet Nam
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe



UN Security Council (SC) Member States

Algeria	Korea, Republic of	Somalia
China*	Pakistan	United States*
Denmark	Panama	United Kingdom*
France*	Russian Federation*	
Greece	Sierra Leone	
Guyana	Slovenia	

* veto powers

UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Member States

Austria	Iran	Saudi Arabia
Azerbaijan	Israel	Senegal
Bangladesh	Italy	Slovakia
Brazil	Japan	Spain
Cameroon	Kenya	South Africa
Canada	Korea, DPR	Sri Lanka
China	Korea, Republic of	Sweden
Colombia	Lao People's PDR	Switzerland
Costa Rica	Liechtenstein	Tanzania, United Rep.
Côte d'Ivoire	Mexico	Türkiye
Djibouti	Netherlands	United Arab Emirates
Dominican Republic	Nigeria	United Kingdom
Egypt	Pakistan	United States
Equatorial Guinea	Paraguay	Uruguay
Finland	Philippines	Uzbekistan
France	Poland	Zambia
Haiti	Qatar	
India	Russian Federation	



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Member States

At ODUMUNC 49, the list of IAEA Member States is the same as the membership list for the ECOSOC.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Member State

Albania	Greece	Poland
Belgium	Hungary	Portugal
Bulgaria	Iceland	Romania
Canada	Italy	Slovakia
Croatia	Latvia	Slovenia
Czech Republic	Lithuania,	Spain
Denmark	Luxembourg	Sweden
Estonia	Montenegro	Türkiye
Finland	Netherlands	United Kingdom
France	North Macedonia	United States
Germany	Norway	

ODUMUNC 49 Crisis Simulations

Crisis One: Berlin Wall, 1961, 1989

Crisis Two: Hunger Games

Crisis Three: Lord of The Rings



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Print Registration Form
 Registration Deadline: 6 December 2025

School _____

Faculty Advisor _____

Street, City, State, Zip _____

Office Phone _____

Mobile Phone (emergency only) _____

Email _____

Approximate Delegate Count: ____ Number of GA Countries Requested: ____

COUNTRY PREFERENCES
 List in order of preference

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

SPECIALIZED BODIES AND CRISIS SIMULATIONS
 (circle each desired):

ECOSOC	YES / NO
IAEA	YES / NO
NATO	YES / NO
Crisis One: Berlin Wall, 1961, 1989	YES / NO
Crisis Two: Hunger Games	YES / NO
Crisis Three: Lord of The Rings	YES / NO

Note: Specialized Body and Crisis Simulation positions are assigned by the Secretary-General, in consultation with faculty sponsors. These assignments may not match your General Assembly country choices.

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