



# ODUMUNC 50

*Diplomacy Endures:  
50 Years in the Making*

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
Model United Nations Conference 50  
11-14 February 2027

## Welcome Packet

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## Welcome from the ODUMUNC 50 Secretary-General

Esteemed Faculty, Delegates and Guests,

It is my great honor and privilege to welcome you to the 50th Old Dominion University Model United Nations Conference, ODUMUNC 50, at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, 11-14 February 2027

For fifty years, ODUMUNC has brought together students to engage with the world's most pressing challenges through diplomacy, debate, and collaboration. As we celebrate this milestone conference, we also reflect on a simple truth: while the issues facing the international community may change, the need for thoughtful diplomacy endures.

This year's theme, *Diplomacy Endures: 50 Years in the Making*, recognizes the legacy of our conference and the enduring importance of international cooperation. Across five decades, generations of delegates have gathered in times of conflict, technological transformation, economic uncertainty and global change. Yet the central mission of the United Nations (and of Model United Nations) remains the same: bringing people together to solve problems that no nation can solve alone and to learn from each other.

The topics before you this year reflect the challenges that will define the next generation of global leadership. From the Security Council to the World Bank, from the World Health Organization to the European Union, every committee offers an opportunity to explore how diplomacy can address emerging threats and longstanding global concerns.

On behalf of the Secretariat, thank you for choosing to be part of this historic conference. We are excited to welcome you to Norfolk and to celebrate fifty years of ODUMUNC. I look forward to the innovative ideas and spirited debate.

Gabe Kinnison Secretary-General  
ODU Model United Nations Conference  
ODUMUNC 50

*Photo:* Gabe Kinnison at the UN General Assembly  
New York, May 2026



## About ODUMUNC 50

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.



Last time: Director-General  
Eugenia Asigbee at the opening  
ceremony for ODUMUNC 49,  
13 February 2026

### ODUMUNC 50 Timeline

9 Oct.	Early registration deadline
4 Dec.	Registration form & fee due
29 Jan.	All payments due
29 Jan.	Delegate list due
4 & 11 Feb.	Training sessions
11-14 Feb.	<b>ODUMUNC 50!</b>

## Registration

*Early registration:* due Friday 9 October 2026. Register early to ensure your country selections, at [the ODUMUNC 50 Registration page](#). To register early, send your completed registration form and \$75 registration fee by 9 October 2026. Pay by credit card on our website, or by check payable to *ODU Model United Nations*.

*Final registration:* due Friday 4 December 2026. Register online or mail your registration form and initial fee of \$75. We'll try, but we cannot guarantee registration requests received after 4 December. Late registrations are assessed an \$80 late fee. Final payment is due 29 January 2027.

*Refund requests deadline:* Friday 29 January 2027. See refund procedures below.

*Delegate Name List:* due Friday 29 January 2027: 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 2027. Find the form at [the ODUMUNC 50 Registration page](#)

*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 50th  
planning team at the UN  
May 2026



Register on-line at the [ODUMUNC 50 Registration page](#)

Or mail your registration form to:

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## Conference Fees

The school registration fee is **\$75**, due 4 December 2026.

All other fees are due 29 January 2027 Other fees:

**\$75** Each Delegation (each General Assembly country)

**\$75** Each individual Delegate

**\$45** Additional Faculty Advisors (first Advisor is free)

**\$80** Late Registration Surcharge, after 4 December 2026.

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](#).

## Refund Policy

The registration fee of \$75 is non-refundable. Refund requests received in writing by the ODUMUNC Secretariate on or before 29 January 2027 will be reimbursed up to 80 percent of other fees including delegation, delegate, and faculty sponsor fees. Refund requests will not be considered after 29 January 2027 except for documented sickness, medical emergency, or official school closings due to weather or other emergencies.

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 4 February and in-person at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel on Thursday 11 February:

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

*ODUMUNC 102* is for delegates preparing for crisis simulations.

### Karaoke Night and the Delegate Dance

*Karaoke Night*: Thursday 11 February

*The Delegate Dance*: Saturday 13 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 on-line at [ODUMUNC 50 Conference Preparation](#).

*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, featuring professors from Old Dominion and other regional universities. This year's Faculty Forum focuses on the conference theme, *Diplomacy Endures: 50 Years in the Making*, stressing how world order has changed since 1977, and the implications for diplomacy, international organizations and teaching world affairs.

The Faculty Forum, on Saturday 13 February, features ODU professors and visiting experts discussing the future of 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.



## Delegations and billing

Registration and billing is based on General Assembly country assignments. Each country delegation requires a minimum of 4 delegates: one delegate for each General Assembly committee. Two delegates per committee is recommended. The largest individual country delegation is 19, with two on each GA committee and full representation on additional bodies.

For Specialized bodies—the World Bank, Group of 20 and European Union—two delegates each is recommended. One delegate each is allowed. Crisis simulations are one delegate per character. Participation in Specialized and Crisis bodies does not incur 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 descriptions of each body, see the website page [ODUMUNC 50 Committees and Issue Briefs](#).

### Total delegates per country

Country Delegation	United Nations Bodies				Specialized and Crisis Bodies				Total Delegates
	SC	GA	European Union	Group of 20	World Bank	Crisis One	Crisis Two	Crisis Three	
<i>Minimum</i> delegation	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	4 or more
<i>Maximum</i> delegation	1	8	2	2	2	1	1	1	18

#### Notes

*A General Assembly country delegation* includes one or two delegates for each GA committee, a total of four to eight delegates for each country.

*Other bodies* can be assigned one or two delegates, *except Crisis bodies and Security Council*, which are one delegate per character.

*Faculty sponsors* and head delegates assign their delegates as they please.



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## ODUMUNC 50 Bodies and Topics

### UN Security Council (SC)

Artificial intelligence and control of nuclear weapons  
 Maintenance of peace and security in the Strait of Hormuz  
 The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo  
 Protecting undersea infrastructure

### UN General Assembly (GA):

#### *First Committee, Disarmament and Security*

- Regulating AI in military operations
- Strengthening support for the Environmental Modification Convention
- Education for disarmament
- Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean

#### *Third Committee, Social, Humanitarian and Cultural*

- Protecting indigenous people in voluntary isolation
- The Question of Humanitarian Exceptions from UN Sanction Regimes
- Measures to Improve the Lives of Women and Children in Rural Areas
- Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons

#### *Fourth Committee, Special Political and Decolonization*

- The interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories
- Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes
- Reparations for trans-Atlantic slavery
- International Day against Colonialism in All its Forms and Manifestations

#### *World Health Organization (Special Session)*

- Tracking and combatting zoonotic viruses
- Preventing the spread of waterborne diseases
- Global personnel for emergency health crisis response
- Long term solutions for Ebola epidemics

### Specialized Bodies



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*European Union (EU)*

- Reforming the Common European Asylum System
- Gender Equality and Women's Economic Empowerment
- Restoring the Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP)
- Advancing European climate leadership

*Group of 20 (G20)*

- Removing regulatory burdens
- Deep sea mining: potential and challenges
- Pioneering AI & Emerging Technologies
- Inclusive economic growth, industrialization, employment and reducing inequality
- Social inclusion and the fight against hunger

*World Bank: The Board of Governors*

- Funding the shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy
- Debt restructuring and loan forgiveness for Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPCs)
- Accelerating progress toward universal access to old-age pensions

**Crisis Simulations**

- Crisis One: French Revolution
- Crisis Two: Harry Potter
- Crisis Three: White House Situation Room



## ODUMUNC 50 Bodies and Countries

### UN Security Council (SC)

- Bahrain
- China\*
- Colombia
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Colombia
- Denmark
- France\*
- Greece
- Latvia
- Liberia
- Panama
- Russian Federation\*
- Somalia
- United Kingdom\*
- United States\*

\* Veto powers

### UN General Assembly (GA)

- 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
- Czechia
- DPR Korea (North)
- Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
- Denmark
- Djibouti
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt



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- 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



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- 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
- Türkiye
- Turkmenistan
- Tuvalu
- Uganda

## ODUMUNC 50

- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- Uruguay
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Venezuela, Bolivarian Rep.
- Viet Nam
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

## European Union (EU)

- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czechia (Czech Republic)
- Croatia
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- Finland

- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta

- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden

## Group of 20 (G20)

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada

- China
- France
- Germany
- India

- Indonesia
- Italy
- Japan
- Mexico



- Russian Federation
- Saudi Arabia
- South Africa

- South Korea
- Spain
- Türkiye United Kingdom

## ODUMUNC 50

- United States
- African Union
- European Union

## World Bank Governing Board

- Algeria
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Armenia
- Australia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Burundi
- Canada
- Chad
- China
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Croatia
- Djibouti
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Finland
- France

- Germany
- Haiti
- India
- Japan
- Kenya
- Lebanon
- Mauritania
- Mexico
- Mozambique
- Nepal,
- Netherlands
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Poland
- Russian Federation

- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Spain
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- Suriname
- Switzerland
- Türkiye
- Tanzania, United Republic of
- Turkmenistan
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Uruguay
- Uzbekistan
- Zambia

## Crisis Simulations

Crisis One: French Revolution

Crisis Two: Harry Potter

Crisis Three: White House Situation Room

Register yes or no for each crisis simulation. The Secretary-General's office assigns crisis characters for these bodies. Limit of one delegate per school in each of crisis simulation.



**ODUMUNC 50**  
**Print Registration Form**  
 Registration Deadline: 4 December 2026

School \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Street, City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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):

- |  |          |
|--|----------|
| European Union                           | YES / NO |
| Group of 20 (G20)                        | YES / NO |
| World Bank                               | YES / NO |
| <br>                                     |          |
| Crisis One: French Revolution            | YES / NO |
| Crisis Two: Harry Potter                 | YES / NO |
| Crisis Three: White House Situation Room | 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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**[Register online for ODUMUNC 50](#)**

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