MODEL UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM
Application – Spring 2014
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ABOUT THE VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM

The Model United Nations (MUN) Program at Victor Valley College was established in 2002 with the mission of fostering understanding of global affairs and introducing global perspectives to the High Desert community.

In VVC MUN, students compete in academic simulations requiring the attributes of a diplomat. Students resolve conflicts, communicate orally and in writing under time pressure, deploying critical thinking and public speaking skills to lead peers in solving complex international problems.

VVC MUN competes in regional and national conferences in Southern California, New York City, and other conferences depending on resources. VVC has consistently been among the top teams in the United States.

Both the local and national conferences assists students in gaining valuable skills that can be translated into professional and academic success. Students gain practical experience in conflict resolution, interpersonal communication with Western and non-Western cultures, and other valuable skills such as networking, team building, leadership, and public speaking.

SPRING 2014 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

As of December 2013, VVC intends to attend the following MUN conferences in Spring 2014:

IECMUN Conference
Saturday, February 8th, 2014

Long Beach MUN Conference
Saturday, March 1, 2014

UCRMUN Conference:
March 8-9, 2014

NMUN-NY Conference:
Friday, March 28, 2014 to Friday, April 4, 2014
Additional practice conferences, scrimmages, events, field trips, and opportunities may be announced and offered during the course of the semester, depending on time and available funding.
APPLICATION PROCESS

As in previous years, the Application process for the 2014 Spring VVC MUN conference teams consists of four components.

The first part is the completion of an application. Submit applications as MS Word documents by email to the MUN Facilitator: donovan.rinker@vvc.edu

The application must be complete and submitted by 12:30 pm on Wednesday, December 11.

The second part is the MUN entrance exam. It consists of 50 multiple-choice questions culled from the U.S. State Department’s Foreign Service Exam. Students will have up to 30 minutes to complete the exam.

The third part consists of a writing sample. Instructions are included at the end of this application.

The fourth part will be a 5-minute interview to assess the student’s ability to handle themselves in expected situations.

The deadline for the application is Wednesday, December 11, 2013 by 12:30pm. Please submit the Spring 2014 Application to donovan.rinker@vvc.edu

At 12:30pm in Liberal Arts (Building 30), Room 17 on Friday, December 6, 2013, the MUN entrance exam will be administered. Interviews will commence shortly thereafter. If you are unable to attend this entrance exam for any reason, notify the faculty advisor after you have completed this application.

Applicants will be notified by Thursday, December 12, 2013 on the status of their application.

All students accepted for the NMUN-NY conference commit to paying a non-refundable deposit of $300 and to completing any and all additional forms and assignments related to preparation for the NMUN-NY conference on time and as instructed.
Instructions: This application is an important element in the evaluation and selection process and must be edited and proofread prior to submission. Limit your responses to the space provided. Applications need to be completed and turned in by email to Donovan.rinker@vvc.edu no later than Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 12:30 pm. Only completed applications will be considered.

BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION, YOU CERTIFY THAT THE CONTENTS ARE TRUE, ACCURATE, COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE, AND CONSTITUTES ENTIRELY YOUR OWN PERSONAL WORK.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: ________________________________________________________________  (last)  (first)  (middle initial)

Student ID Number: ____________________________________________

Birthdate : _____________________________________
Note: Any candidates who will be under the age of 18 as of January 1, 2014, must obtain a letter of waiver from their parent or legal guardian before they may participate in any MUN competition.

Circle One:     Male  /  Female

Mailing Address: _________________________________________________

City / State / Zip: __________________________________________________

Telephone: (____)________________    and/or (____)_________________

E-mail Address: ___________________________________ FAX: (____)_________________
Provide ONLY your primary email address, i.e., the account you check most often and from which you will be able to receive and respond to regular email announcements and instructions. If you do not have regular access to email and will not receive routine communications needed for participants on the team, please indicate so here:

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II. EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: ________________________________________________________________  (last)  (first)  (middle initial)

Mailing Address: _________________________________________________

City / State / Zip: __________________________________________________

Telephone: (____)________________    and/or (____)_________________
III. ACADEMIC HISTORY

1. Major: ____________________ Minor: _________________ Year: _______
   (Freshman Sophomore, Certificate Program)

2. Cumulative GPA: __________

3. List previous course work and grades received in any course or discipline that
   might be construed as falling within the realm of International Affairs.
   Examples could include political science, economic or business classes,
   foreign languages courses or other class projects involving International
   Affairs:

4. In the space below, describe how your GPA should be evaluated as being
   indicative of the contributions you can make to this program.

IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

5. List special skills, background or experience that you possess and which you
   think might help this team. (e.g. foreign languages, computer training, fund
   raising, debate teams, writing/editorial skills, finance, accounting, science
   background, etc.)
6. List any additional activities that might keep you from participating fully with this team. (e.g. working more than 30 hours per work, excessive unit-load, athletics, commitment to other school activities including other clubs & organizations, etc.)

7. During the Winter Session, research sessions are on Tuesday evenings and practices are on Thursday evenings. For the 2013 Spring Semester, research sessions are late Thursday evenings and practices are late Friday afternoons.

   (a) Are there any reasons that would keep you from attending the sessions?

   (b) Are you there any reasons based on your current circumstances that might prevent you from attending MUN conferences?

V. STATEMENT OF INTEREST:

8. I was invited to participate in the MUN program by: _______________________

   If this is your first time considering participation in an MUN event, the person you indicate may be given additional consideration as a candidate to participate on this year’s team.

9. In the space provided below, provide single-spaced description of how your experience, abilities, and personal attributes relate to the unique challenges you will face as a member of the Model United Nations. (Limit – no more than 250 words)

VI. WRITING SAMPLE

10. Your writing sample will be reviewed for clarity of writing, grammar and syntax, and for following directions. In no more than 250 words, write a three paragraph, double-spaced response to the following:
Recently, Iran and several other countries entered into an agreement involving nuclear energy. In your opinion, is this a favorable development? What, if any steps, do you believe the United States should pursue after this agreement? Explain your reasons.