



# AMUN Conference Preparation Newsletter

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## Last-Minute Preparation for Students

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Conference is just two days away! As you make your last-minute preparations as a team, here are some suggestions from the AMUN Staff. AMUN asks that you please forward this communication to all participants in your group. In addition to the information below, you can also learn more about this year's Conference from our Conference Program.

### Read Your Simulation's Committee Papers!

AMUN staff strongly encourages you to read the position papers submitted by other delegations prior to participation in the Conference. Position Papers are your best way to get a "sneak peek" into what other nations think about the topics being covered in your committees or councils. A functional understanding of other States' viewpoints will allow you to think about the diplomatic hurdles to solving global issues. [Submitted position papers are available online by committee & country.](#)

### Dress Code Reminder

AMUN will enforce the representative dress code for all formal meetings, including the opening session and the final day of the Conference. Conservative business attire is the only appropriate clothing for participation. Exceptions are granted only for the required personal religious or cultural practice of Representatives; Representatives should not wear the religious, cultural or business attire of a culture or religion that is not their own. Representatives who are inappropriately attired may not be recognized during roll call or may be denied speaking rights on the floor or voting rights during committee sessions. Please carefully review the Dress Code Policy in the [AMUN Handbook](#). Want further explanation about the dress code? Check out the [AMUN Accords](#).

### Rules & Roleplaying Sessions

The Rules and Roleplaying sessions are held on Saturday, 23 November from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. These sessions evolve and change each year based on the feedback we receive from Representatives. We hope you will join us whether this is your first Conference or your fourth. Senior AMUN Secretariat members will offer demonstrations

and explanations of AMUN's rules and offer suggestions for effective roleplaying in each of our three major simulation types: GA/ECOSOC, Report-Writing Bodies and Security Council Simulations. After the presentations, the speakers will be available to take questions from Representatives. Those unable to attend the in-person Rules and Roleplaying sessions can access our [online video series](#).

Sessions are divided by committee/council, see below for room assignments:

- General Assembly Committees, the World Health Assembly (WHA) and the Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) – Riverwalk A, Level 1 (Lower Level)
- Security Council & Historical Security Council of 1961 – Superior A, Level 2
- Report-Writing Bodies: the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) – Sheraton II, Level 4

All Representatives are invited and encouraged to attend AMUN's Rules and Roleplaying Sessions. The sessions are being held during Conference Registration, just before the actual Conference convenes, to give as many Representatives as possible an opportunity to attend. These sessions are designed to assist Representatives by clarifying AMUN rules and procedures and are a final opportunity to think about refining roleplaying strategies before Representatives formally step into their country roles. These sessions also allow Representatives an opportunity to interact with and ask questions of the AMUN Secretariat in a more informal setting.

## **The Key to Report-Writing Simulations: It's in the Name!**

Unlike other simulations at AMUN, the specific focus of the report-writing bodies is to write a report, not to pass resolutions. This is a significant change in focus that most first-time representatives in report-writing bodies struggle to focus on. Each report-writing simulation will likely [produce one report per topic](#) and that can best be achieved by dividing the work of the report process between many Member States. A report at AMUN is the pinnacle of collaborative work, as each report is intended to be passed by consensus by the bodies working on them. It is therefore key that much formal debate is spent discussing the scope of the report as it pertains to the topics and what specific things the body believes are the best focuses for the international community.

For more information about writing reports please read [Report Writing 101: Understanding Reports and Report Drafting](#) on the [AMUN Accords](#).

## **Halloween in November — The AMUN Representative Dance!**

This year marks the return of the AMUN Representative Dance! This year's dance theme is **Halloween!** Haunted by missing votes from your resolution? Spooked by horrifying grammar choices? Shed the earthly guise of a distinguished Representative

and hit the dance floor as your favorite ghouls and ghosts for the 2024 Representative Dance! While we encourage you to dress to the theme, it is not required. AMUN's Representative Dance will occur on Monday, 25 November from 10:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

For entry to the Representative Dance, the following rules must be followed:

- Credentials must be worn at all times.
- Baggy coats and backpacks are not allowed.
- No glassware, water bottles or outside drinks are allowed at the dance. The hotel will provide water.

## **If You Enjoy the Conference, Consider Joining the AMUN Secretariat!**

Ask any member of the AMUN Secretariat and they will tell you that they love being on the AMUN staff. Please fill out an application online at [amun.org/staffapp](https://amun.org/staffapp) if you think you might enjoy being on staff. The Conference Services desk will also have applications available. AMUN Secretariat is open to anyone; we are a 100% volunteer staff, but we recommend it for juniors, seniors or students about to graduate. For more information talk to any member of the Secretariat at Conference or email us at [sg@amun.org](mailto:sg@amun.org).

## **Late Night Caucusing Room**

AMUN has reserved the River Exhibition Hall on the lower level of the Sheraton Grand Chicago as a place for Representatives to gather after normal Conference hours. Passionate debaters can be a loud bunch, so please be considerate of other hotel guests and take advantage of this space for after-hours caucusing. Whether you want to hang out with new friends or keep talking about that resolution from GA1, this space is for you.

## **A Free Afternoon in Chicago**

From the glamorous storefronts of the [Magnificent Mile](#) to the everyday fun of the [Navy Pier](#), the Windy City has it all. We know that for many of you this is your first time in the great city of Chicago; we want to make sure everyone gets a chance to see a part of it, so we're giving you a free afternoon. On Monday, 25 November from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. you will be free of your duties as an ambassador to have an adventure in one of America's greatest cities. Burn off some of that late-night pizza with a Chicago bike tour, or if you have been good about those calories, how about a walking cupcake tour? Have you been to Chicago's famous [Christmas Market](#)? AMUN loves Chicago, and with the Conference centered in [Chicago's Loop](#) there is plenty to do just a short walk away.

## AMUN's Graduate School & Career Expo

AMUN's annual Graduate School and Career Expo will be held on Monday, 25 November from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please encourage all of your students to attend; we have a diverse and excellent group of exhibitors who will have traveled a long way to meet with your students. This year's list of Expo exhibitors includes (as of 15 November 2024):

- Baylor University School of Law
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law
- Chicago - Kent College of Law
- Columbia University: School of International and Public Affairs
- Columbia University - School of Professional Studies
- DePaul University
- George Mason University - Schar School of Policy and Government
- George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs
- Georgetown University
- Georgetown University School of Foreign Service
- Indiana State University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Marquette University
- Marquette University Law School
- Mitchell Hamline School of Law
- Penn State University
- School of International Service, American University
- Texas A&M University - Bush School of Government & Public Service
- University of California San Diego
- University of Chicago - Harris School of Public Policy
- University of East Anglia
- University of Iowa College of Law
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota - Humphrey School of Public Affairs
- Washington University in St. Louis - Brown School

## Submit Your Credentials!

All schools are encouraged to submit the names of their participants, along with the committee on which each person will be seated, in advance of the AMUN Conference. All credentials received via the [submission form](#) by end-of-day on Thursday, 21 November, will be processed and printed prior to the Conference. Your group's credentials will be waiting at registration for your approval. Pre-submission of credentials is required to qualify for [express registration](#).

For additional information on submitting your credentials, please refer to our [previous newsletter on this topic](#).

## Questions, Comments or Concerns?

If you have any questions about this email, please contact us directly at [mail@amun.org](mailto:mail@amun.org) and we will be happy to help. As always, if you are no longer the primary contact for your school's Model UN club or class, please contact us at [mail@amun.org](mailto:mail@amun.org) with updated contact information or fill out our [Change of Address/Contact](#) form online.

Good luck on your preparation,

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