

Delegate Guide

NVMMUN XI



April 18th – 19th, 2026

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

UNLV MUN has the privilege of hosting NVMUN XI on the campus of UNLV. As such, we wish to echo the following land acknowledgement from the university:

"The University of Nevada, Las Vegas wishes to acknowledge and honor the Indigenous communities of this region, and recognize that the university is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwu (noo·woo), Southern Paiute (pai·oot) People.

We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to study, learn, work, and be in community with this land.

We encourage everyone in this space to engage in continued learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial – including the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe and the Moapa (moh·aa·puh) Band of Paiutes."

– University of Nevada, Las Vegas ([read more here](#))

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Close	April 10th, 2025
Position Paper Submission Deadline	April 13th, 2025
NVMUN IX Conference	April 18th - April 19th, 2026

CONFERENCE AGENDA

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

8:00am - 8:50pm	Opening Ceremony
9:00am - 11:00am	Committee Session I
11:00am - 12:30pm	Lunch
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Committee Session II
2:00pm - 2:15pm	Break
2:15pm - 3:00pm	Advisor Feedback Session
2:15pm - 4:00pm	Committee Session III

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

9:00am - 11:30am	Committee Session IV
11:30am - 12:30pm	Lunch
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Committee Session V
2:10pm - 3:00pm	Closing Session

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Greetings Delegates and Advisors,

It comes with great honor to welcome you all to the 11th annual session of UNLV's NVMUN. My name is Lily Lishan, and I am more than eager to serve as your Secretary-General this year alongside our devoted staff, who has worked relentlessly in terms of choosing themes, selecting topics for delegates, and making sure that everyone's experience here is truly memorable.

This year's conference will explore topics ranging from trafficking and climate change impacts on Global Tourism, Human Rights in armed conflicts and systemic discrimination against indigenous populations to shaping the rise of the most prolific crime families in American history in the prohibition era.

Our geopolitical landscape, marked by political shifts, current events, and international diplomacy, underscores the relevance of our discussions today. It is a testament to why we are gathered here to address the challenges that shape our world.

I want to emphasize that your well-being and satisfaction are paramount to us. Our commitment to providing a memorable and safe experience is unwavering. While this conference may be a model and a learning experience to many, it mirrors the professionalism and collaboration necessary for cultivating impactful solutions to real-world problems. Our aim is to foster an environment that serves to produce globally minded citizens while preserving individualistic and creative ideas for dilemmas that require extensive discussion.

With that said, it is my pleasure to welcome you to NVMUN XI from April 18th, 2025 to April 19th, 2025. I am more than confident in each and every delegate's abilities of exploring potential solutions and continuing their advocacy for change. I am eagerly waiting to see your contributions and the impact they will have on the future!

Lily Lishan
Secretary-General
NVMUN XI
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COMMITTEES OVERVIEW

NOVICE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Topic A: Combating Human Trafficking in the Global Tourism Environment

Topic B: Adapting Tourism to Climate Change Effects

Level: Novice

Tourism is both an economic driver and a possible burden that affects a nation. Though tourism is usually determined to be of positive influence, there are numerous issues that arise with a growing global tourist space. Human trafficking is a concerning issue, and it shows no signs of dissipation. Global climate change is directly affecting and is affected by the state of world tourism. Those who travel often seek natural beauty and wondrous environments that may no longer exist in a short time because of climate change. Tourism demands travel through flight and so exhaust of carbon and physical resources and waste are growing concerns.

ADVANCED GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Topic A: Human Rights During Armed Conflict; Protecting Citizens in Urban Warfare

Topic B: Systemic Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations

Level: Advanced

As a member of the 47 states included in the UN Human Rights Council, delegates are entrusted with addressing urgent international crises that affect our most vulnerable populations. With discussion of topics like human rights during armed conflicts and systemic discrimination among the indigenous, delegates are encouraged to create multilateral solutions that focus on aiding communities subject to such human rights violations.

COMMITTEES OVERVIEW

CRISIS



Topic: Roman Senate
Level: Intermediate - Advanced

The United States has banned alcohol and the streets are now filled with illegal alcohol from bootlegging and moonshining. Due to harder government crackdowns with the Bureau of Prohibition, new smuggling and bootlegging routes are needed. Organized crime rings have read the newspapers and have capitalized on this golden opportunity. Delegates must navigate the politics and contrasting views within the mob itself and the government as well. Delegates will represent the gangsters of the 1920's from the five New York mafia families as well as other major crime rings.



Ad Hoc Committee of the Director-General
Level: Advanced

The most advanced committee Model UN has to offer, Ad Hoc is certain to deliver an unforgettable conference experience filled with unexpected twists and turns, crises that unfold in real-time, and far-reaching ethical and moral questions.

The Background Guide for this committee will not be released until approximately 24-hours in advance of the conference, meaning that delegates must be prepared for anything. Topic hints will be provided in the days leading up to the conference.

CONFERENCE STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our conference is prepared for and staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers. NVMUN XI is very grateful for all that our chairs do for us. We look forward to getting to know our delegates and facilitating engaging debates on the various topics in each committee.



SECRETARIAT

Lily Lishan - Secretary General
 Brandon Cofer - Director General
 Abigail Negate - Under Director General
 Devin Streuter - Under Secretary General

NOVICE GA

Sebastian Rios - Chair
 Najji Fiad - Chair

ADVANCED GA

Devin Streuter - Chair
 Emma Kojonroj - Chair

CRISIS

Zachary Freeman - Chair
 Dr. Dan Bubb - Chair
 Zac Walusek - Crisis Director
 Delilah Salgado - Backroom Staff

AD HOC

Brandon Cofer - Chair
 Abigail Negate - Chair
 Francis Anisco - Crisis Director

BACKROOM STAFFERS

Delilah Salgado - Crisis
 John Fabe - Crisis
 Katherine Vega Mendez - Ad Hoc

CONFERENCE POLICIES

DELEGATE AND ADVISOR QUESTIONS + CONCERNS

- If at any time prior to or during the conference, delegates or advisors have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please contact unlvnmun@unlv.edu.
- Conference staff will be available during the conference to assist with committee issues or other situations that need to be addressed.
- There will be a feedback session in which advisors are welcome to raise any comments or concerns, as well as feedback sessions in which delegates may anonymously provide comments on their committees and chairs

VISITORS IN SESSION

- Advisors and parents are welcome to join and watch their competitors this year, given they do not interrupt the flow of committee and do not to converse with delegates unless they are notifying a delegate of an emergency.

CONFERENCE STAFF BIOGRAPHIES



SEBASTIAN RIOS **CHAIR, NOVICE GA**

Sebastian, is a first-year student with junior standing at UNLV as an honors dual-degree student studying criminal justice and political science with a minor in public policy. In his free time, you can catch him reading a historical fiction book or playing the piano!

NAJI FAID **CHAIR, NOVICE GA**

Naji is a sophomore at UNLV studying Political Science. This is his first year participating in Model UN and shares a deep passion for international relations and studying the geopolitical landscape. He also has a special interest in African Union relations.



DEVIN STREUTER
CHAIR, ADVANCED GA

Devin Streuter is a dual major student studying political science and economics with a minor in Philosophy. In her free time, she is involved with multiple RSOs on campus. She loves to listen to podcasts, read, and draw.

EMMA KOJONROJ
CHAIR, ADVANCED GA

Emma is a first-year student with sophomore standing majoring in Hospitality with a concentration on Innovative Restaurant Management at UNLV. She has been involved with Model UN for 3 years at the High School level and this is her first year with the UNLV MUN team. Emma is originally from California and moved to Nevada to study the diverse restaurant industry within Vegas. In her free time she loves spending time with friends, trying out new restaurants, and cooking.



ZACHARY FREEMAN
CHAIR, CRISIS

Zach is a senior at UNLV dual majoring in Accounting and Finance with a minor in Political Science. He joined MUN during the Spring 2024 semester. While in high school, he participated in Speech & Debate. He currently serves as President of UNLV MUN and also works for the Thomas and Mack Business Center. In his free time he enjoys spending times with friends and family.



DR. DAN BUBB
CHAIR, CRISIS

Dr. Bubb is the Advisor to the UNLV MUN team and has been since its 2015 inception. He received his PhD in History & Poli Sci from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. A former commercial pilot, Dr. Bubb's research and teaching interests focus on US, World, Commercial Aviation, and Airport history. He also advises five other student organizations on campus.



ZAC WALUSEK
CRISIS DIRECTOR, CRISIS

Zac is an alumni of UNLV and the UNLV MUN team. He graduated in spring 2023 with his degree in Economics and recently graduated with his M.S. in Applied Economics & Data Intelligence. Zac has previously served on Crisis committees during his time with UNLV MUN as backroom staff, crisis director, and chair.



BRANDON COFER
CHAIR, AD HOC

Brandon is a senior studying Criminal Justice at UNLV. He currently serves as Vice President and Director General for NVMUN XI. He's previously co-chaired the Ad Hoc Committee for NVMUN IX and was Secretary General for NVMUN X. Outside of MUN and classes he likes to spend his free time baking, cooking, traveling, and reading.



ABIGAIL NEGATE
CHAIR, AD HOC

Abi is a first year at UNLV double majoring in Political Science and Economics. This is her first year with the UNLV MUN team and has previous experience with MUN from her high school years. Abi also serves as the Under Director-General of NVMUN XI. She is a competitive member of the UNLV Mock Trial Team



LILY LISHAN
NVMUN X SECRETARY-GENERAL

Lily is a junior at UNLV majoring in Communications with a minor in Political Science. This is Lily's second year with Model UN Team at UNLV and competes on the travel team. She is also the club's Chief of Staff and an Associate Justice of the UNLV CSUN Judiciary.



FRANCIS COFER
CRISIS DIRECTOR, AD HOC

Francis is an alumni of UNLV and its Model UN team. Having served as the Director of Finance and chair of the finance committee during his time as a member. He graduated in Winter 2023 with his B.S. in Accounting. He currently works as a Tax Consultant for Deloitte. In his free time, he enjoys traveling and reading.



KATHERINE VEGA MENDEZ
BACKROOM, AD HOC

Katheirne is a first year student at UNLV majoring in Journalism with a dual minor in Public Policy and Political Science. She is a former member of her high school's speech and debate team. This is her first year doing Model UN and is a competitive member of the travel, primarily competing in GA and Press Corps committees.



JOHN FABE
BACKROOM, CRISIS

John is a recent alumni of UNLV Model UN and UNLV, having graduated Winter 2025 with his B.S. in Biology. John has deep passion for paleontology and history. He is exploring graduate program options combining these two interests.



DELILAH SALGADO
BACKROOM, CRISIS

Delilah is a first year student at UNLV majoring in Criminal Justice on a pre-law track. This is her first year with the Model UN team. In her free time she enjoys hanging out with friends and traveling.

POSITION PAPER GUIDELINES

Format:

- Length: One page for each topic (meaning GA should have two pages of total content)
 - If the addition of footnotes pushes content to an extra half page per topic, this is acceptable
- Margins: 1 inch
- Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt.
- Spacing: Single-Spaced
- Aligned left on the first line of the first page for each topic, type: Committee Name, Topic, Country
- **Do not include the name of your school or your name** anywhere in the position paper
- The bibliography should be on its own page and does not count toward the page count

Sections to Include:

- General Assembly
 - Topic Background
 - Past UN/International Action
 - County Policy
 - Proposed Solutions

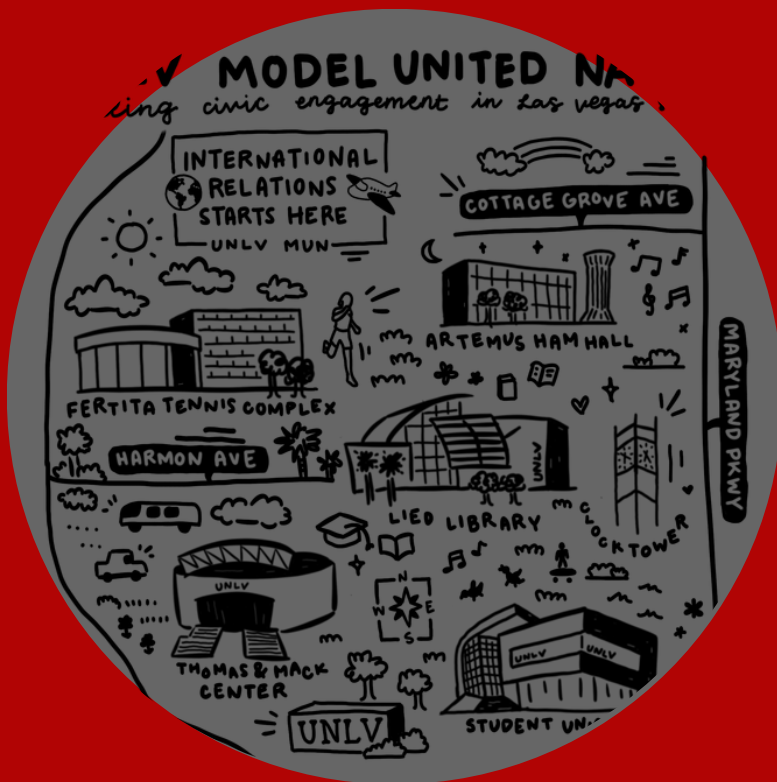
Notes:

- Position Papers will be required to be eligible for a Research Award in both General Assembly committees. Delegates in Crisis or Ad Hoc will not be required to write a Position Paper.
- Papers will be judged on content quality over quantity or format
- You are welcome to request feedback regarding your position paper after the conference

Submission:

- Position papers are due by **Monday, April 13th at 11:59pm**
- All Position Papers should be submitted via the following form: [NVMUN XI Position Paper Submission](#)





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welcome you to our
conference!

In the meantime, please
direct any questions to
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updates about the
conference