



American Model United Nations Conference Preparation Newsletter

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Student Newsletter I - Dress for Conference

Also information about the Representative Dance and our philosophy on pre-written resolutions.

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Please forward this important information to your students. This newsletter covers information on our Conference Dress Code and Representative Dance, both of which we like to make certain students hear about as early as possible.

AMUN's Dress Code

Like most Model UN Conferences, AMUN has a specific Dress Code for all conference attendees. For your convenience, the full text of this dress code is copied below. This information is also available in our [Rules and Procedures handbook](#). Our dress code is meant to be inclusive rather than exclusive, while encouraging a professional atmosphere for deliberations. If you have any concerns about AMUN's Dress Code or just need clarification please contact us at mail@amun.org.

The appearance of AMUN participants provides the first impressions of their delegation to other representatives. Attention to proper appearance sets an expectation for professionalism and competence. In order to demonstrate respect to fellow representatives, Secretariat members and distinguished guests of the Conference, AMUN requires conservative Western business attire for all representatives and Secretariat during all formal sessions, including the final sessions on Tuesday.

Western business attire is a business jacket or suit, dress slacks or skirt, dress shirt (with a tie for men), and dress shoes. Attire should follow the rule of being appropriate for visiting an embassy. Revealing dress shirts that expose excessive bare skin are not appropriate. Sweaters or leggings are generally considered too casual for Western business attire. Clothing that reveals undergarments in any way, including being too tight, is not appropriate. AMUN will not consider any manner of dress appropriate which includes

T-shirts, jeans, shorts, hats, athletic shoes or any form of commercial advertising.

Participants shall not wear the traditional or religious garb of any State or organization. The only exception to this is required traditional or religious garb of a student's personal religion or culture. Additionally, participants should not affect the mannerisms, linguistic characteristics or any other perceived traits of a State or culture that they are representing. These affectations are inappropriate and may be seen as offensive by other students, or by natives of that State or culture. Small lapel pins representing the delegation's flag or other national symbols are appropriate.

Please be aware that representatives who are not appropriately attired or who do not follow these rules may not be recognized during formal debate in any AMUN simulation. Further, AMUN reserves the right to refuse admittance to the Conference floor to any representative who is inappropriately attired or who violates the above provisions. Decisions about appropriate attire and professional behavior are at the discretion of the AMUN Secretariat.

AMUN's Representative Dance: Halloween!

Each year AMUN hosts the premiere Representative Dance of any Model UN conference for all participating AMUN students. We have a DJ and everything, we spare no expense. This year's theme is Halloween! The AMUN Secretariat loves Halloween and we think that you do too. We encourage you to find your favorite halloween outfit for the dance, but dressing to the theme is encouraged, not required. Our Representative dance is held on Monday evening after the close of the last session and will end at 2:00 a.m. For full rules and requirements for the dance, please see the [Rules and Procedures handbook](#) online.

Why Does AMUN Not Accept Pre-Written Resolutions?

One question the AMUN Secretariat receives fairly often is why will we not accept pre-written resolutions; after all most resolutions at the United Nations are written by a primary author in advance of in-person meetings. And while this is true, it's also true that this is the end product of a long, ongoing, interactive process of diplomacy among Member States. To that end, AMUN wants to emulate the collaborative, consensus-building nature of the United Nations. It is strongly encouraged that Representatives be prepared to begin work on any draft resolution once they arrive at conference and can speak with partner Member States and bloc members.

Questions, Comments or Concerns?

If you have any questions about this email, please contact us directly at 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 with updated contact information or fill out our [Change of Address/Contact](#) form online.

Good Luck on Your Preparations,

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