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**Ca' Foscari University of Venice** was born as the **first business school in Italy and the second in Europe**.

Today it provides several courses in various departments, such as Languages, Management, Environmental studies, Philosophy, Science, Humanities International Relations and more. Just like the city that hosts it, it is a crossroad of cultures, fields of research, ideas and creativity; a modern university that keeps abreast of things by realizing, within its eight departments, advanced research projects and innovative study programs that guarantee an excellent educational experience. Through its five interdepartmental schools, Ca' Foscari works with cross-cutting and integrated educational approaches. Whoever studies in Venice can this way acquire a wider range of and more articulate skills: economy interfaces with cultural heritage, languages intersect with economics, restoration meets science just to cite a few examples.

For more information: <http://www.unive.it>



**Venice International University (VIU)** is something **unique** in the international academic environment: a **group of 16 Universities** from all over the world sharing a common Campus on the beautiful **Island of San Servolo**, in the Venice lagoon. These Universities collegially devise study programs to prepare their students to face today's global challenges: Sustainable Development, Ageing and Welfare, Global Ethics and Cultural Heritage are central topics of VIU programs. Students who choose to spend a term studying at VIU are taught to move across disciplines and through cultures with a flexible approach, an open mind and creative thinking. VIU offers its support for research programs involving the various Universities that form its network, and develops specific programs for advanced training.

For more information: <http://www.univiu.org>

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The **Venice Diplomatic Society (VDS)** is a **student association** created on June 19, 2015 by students of Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy. The main aim of this association is giving students and citizens the chance of acknowledging the complex functioning of the greatest international organizations, introducing them to their inner dynamics, training them to speak in a foreign language in front of an international audience, debating on the hottest topics of the planet's agenda – from current geopolitical crises to environmental issues, but also the theme of refugees, the allocation of foreign investments and violations of international law. It also puts students in contact with the reality of **Model United Nations (Model UN or MUNs)**, which are extra-curricular activities where students play the role of Delegates of the United Nations and simulate the inner proceedings of UN committees. A number of MUNs are periodically held around the world to allow young people to understand the functioning of the United Nations. In simulations lasting a few days, Delegates are called upon to debate about specific issues related to the domain of international relations ultimately producing a Resolution about the debated topic.

For more information: [Venice Diplomatic Society FB page](#)

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For more information: <http://europa.eu/contact/> , [www.comune.venezia.it/europedirect](http://www.comune.venezia.it/europedirect)

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# Program

## Friday, 6 May 2016

9.30 – 10.00	Registration
10.30 – 12.00	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
12.00 – 12.30	Delegate Distribution in the Committees
12.30 – 13.30	<b>Roll Call and Position Paper Presentation</b>
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch Break
14.30 – 16.00	<b>First Session</b>
16.00 – 16.30	Break
16.30 – 18.30	<b>Second Session</b>

Ambassador Umberto Vattani, President of Venice International University, will welcome all participants.

## Saturday, 7 May 2016

10.00 – 11.30	<b>First Session</b>
11.30 – 12.00	Break
12.00 – 13.30	<b>Second Session</b>
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch Break
14.30 – 16.00	<b>Third Session</b>
16.00 – 16.30	Break
16.30 – 18.30	<b>Fourth Session: Drafting the Resolution</b>

## Sunday, 8 May 2016

10.00 – 11.30	<b>First Session</b>
11.30 – 12.00	Break
12.00 – 13.30	<b>Second Session: The Draft Resolution</b>
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch Break
14.30 – 16.00	<b>Presentation of Debate Results</b>
16.00 – 16.30	Break
16.30 – 18.30	<b>Award Ceremony</b>

A **press service** will be organized by students who participated in the Rome MUN and in cooperation with SAIA.

**Europe Direct** will be present on May 6 with an **informative desk** and thematic publications.

During the Working Sessions, some special guests will be invited to provide insight on crucial academic topics discussed in each Committee. **Prof. Sara De Vido** (Ca' Foscari University and VIU-Spring 2016) who coordinates VeUMUN and **Ambassador Alessandro Merola** as general advisor, will support students.

# Application

Participation is open to students enrolled in Venice International University, Ca'Foscari and Padova University. Participation is free of charge; breaks and transports are at participants' expense.

Deadline: **April 4, 2016**. Link to application form:

<http://www.univiu.org/shss/globalization-program/co-curricular-program/venice-mun-2016-application>

## Location



The **Venice Universities' Model United Nations 2016** will be held in the beautiful **Island of San Servolo** in its Venice International Campus, thanks to the availability of Venice International University.

The Island of San Servolo, once a monastery turned into psychiatric hospital and, later on, to school, with its numerous conference rooms (with capacity from 15 to 400 people) and the adjacent accommodation buildings providing over 300 beds, is a center of excellence for conferences, training seminars and cultural events. Rooms for meetings, banquets, gala dinners, exhibiting spaces and terraces are located in the context of beautiful and expansive parkland facing towards the spectacular skyline of Saint Mark's Square, just an eight minute *vaporetto* trip away.

The Museum of Madness, a cloister and a stunning church from the XVIII century complete San Servolo's cultural offer and place the island amongst the most important conference and training centers in Venice.

### ***How to reach San Servolo island:***

#### From Venice city centre

The island can be reached easily thanks to the public transport system of ACTV using **line 20 from San Zaccaria**, M.V.E. stop (cc 10 min. journey).

Link to [Line 20 timetable](#)

#### From Piazzale Roma or the Train Station to San Servolo

ACTV Public water bus no. **1, 5.1, 4.1** (only from Piazzale Roma) or **2** direction "Lido", getting off at San Zaccaria. From here make your way to the S.Zaccaria – M.V.E. stop, **line 20** for San Servolo (see above).

Link to [ACTV waterbus timetable](#)

## Public Transport: ACTV tickets & prices

### LAND SERVICES

€ 1,50 - ORDINARY TICKET FOR *LAND SERVICES*, 75 MIN

€ 14,00 - ORDINARY TICKETS BOOKLET (10 tickets) FOR *LAND SERVICES*, 75 MIN TRIPS

Allows using the land services of Lido island and the mainland city of Mestre (to Piazzale Roma), Tram and People Mover for 75 minutes from stamping, with transport means change allowed.

### NAVIGATION SERVICE FARES for “VENEZIA UNICA” – IMOB CARD HOLDERS

€ 1.50 – 75 MINUTE “RETE UNICA” TICKET and € 2.00 – 100 MINUTE “RETE UNICA” TICKET

or € 3,00 – 75 MINUTE *ON-BOARD* TICKET FOR “RETE UNICA”

RETE UNICA TICKET BOOKLET (10 tickets) – € 14,00 FOR 75 MIN TRIPS and € 19.00 FOR 100 MIN TRIPS

Allows 75 or 100 min. travel from the moment of validation on urban network (Navigation services, Lido, Mestre, Tram and People Mover). The validation process must be repeated at each change of travel means. The ticket does not include ACTV navigation routes 16, 19, Alilaguna services and buses travelling to and from the Marco Polo airport.

Monthly Rete Unica (Lagoon services, Lido, Mestre with Aerobus, Lido, Tram, People Mover)

Ordinary € 37,00, Students € 25,00

Car Park + Rete Unica € 51,00

“VENEZIA UNICA” – IMOB CARD can be requested by people resident in Venice (additional cost: €10), in the Veneto Region (additional cost: 20€) or outside Veneto region (additional cost: €50) at any ACTV main ticket office, and is valid for 5 years.

### NAVIGATION SERVICE FARES *without* “VENEZIA UNICA” – IMOB CARD

- € 7.50 – 75 MINUTE TICKET and *ON-BOARD* TICKET

Allows 75 min. travel from the moment of validation on urban network (Navigation services).

The price includes a luggage not exceeding 150 cm (three sides total sum).

- € 5.00 one way, or € 10.00 Return ticket CROSS Service

valid only for short journeys, between San Marco (San Zaccaria) – San Servolo stop.

For more information: <http://actv.avmspa.it/en/content/prices>

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## *The Syrian Crisis*



The Venice Universities Model United Nations 2016 focuses on the current **Syrian Crisis**. In order to treat the subject in the most exhaustive way, different topics will be analyzed.

<b>Security Council</b>	Elaboration of a Resolution for a Permanent Cease-Fire
<b>Social, Humanitarian and Cultural (SOCHUM)</b>	Protection of the Syrian Artistic and Cultural Heritage
<b>The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)</b>	<i>Out of Camps Policies</i> : How to Implement Refugee's Integration into the Job Market
<b>UN WOMEN</b>	Refugee Camps: Prevention of Gender-based Violence against Women

# What is a Model United Nations (MUN)?

The **Model United Nations** (MUN) is a simulation of the United Nations work sessions.

There are **various types of MUN**, created to satisfy the practical educational needs of a range of individuals: students, professionals and managers in the private sector and members of the Armed Forces. However, all MUNs have certain common goals:

- **Providing a deeper understanding of multilateral diplomacy;**
- **Strengthening negotiating and leadership skills;**
- **Improving the ability to anticipate evolving scenarios of complex issues.**

Participants are **required to act like real UN delegates** partaking in sessions of various UN committees. Each participant in a committee represents a different country. The delegate has to work, faithfully respecting the assigned country's standpoint, to obtain the approval of documents that favor the assigned country and the collective interest.

**How do I prepare  
for my first**



**MUN Conference?**





## 1. Position Paper or Policy Statement

The Position Paper is a one or two page document that is essentially a summary of your knowledge of the topic and the position your country plans to take when it enters committee. It typically contains three sections: Background of Topic, Past International Actions, and Country Policy & Possible Solutions. Position Papers are usually due before the conference. The key starting points for researching each section are listed below. They will help you get started with participating in your first Model UN conference, but you will want to dig deeper as you develop more experience.

- Background of topic: Background guide of the topic provided by the conference, Google, the news, Wikipedia (to frame the topic)
- Past international actions: UN website, your committee's website, key treaties or resolutions mentioned in your background guide, UN or NGO reports
- Country policy and possible solutions: CIA World Factbook, your country's foreign ministry website, domestic programs within your country, your country's voting record on key treaties or resolutions, NGO or think tank policy recommendations, and your own creativity!

## 2. Opening Speech

The Opening Speech typically lasts about 1 minute or 1 minute and 30 seconds and is the first speech you give to the committee. It is the best opportunity for you to explain your country policy and the key sub-issues you would like the committee to focus on. Opening Speeches is a main way for countries to determine who they want to work with, so it's important to prepare a speech that conveys this. There are many tips and strategies on how to deliver an Opening Speech, but use your Position Paper as a guide when you are starting out. The most important action is to just be brave and make your first speech.

## 3. Research Binder

Research Binders are optional but highly recommended, especially since many conferences do not allow the use of technology in committee. An organized Research Binder will be your go-to resource during the conference as new terms and acronyms, previous resolutions and treaties, and possible solutions are mentioned.

## 4. How to Write a Resolution

Delegates will be writing a document called a Resolution in committee along with other countries that they will be working with. It's important to know the resolution format and phrases, but most conferences do not allow pre-written resolutions since they want countries to collaborate together during the committee.

## 5. Country Profile

The Country Profile is a worksheet to help you understand your country and may not necessarily be required by your conference. Most of the information needed to fill out a Country Profile can be found in the CIA World Factbook. If required, Country Profiles are usually due at the same time as the Position Paper.

## Preparing for the Conference

### **First,**

research the history, structure, and operations of the United Nations.

### **Second,**

develop a basic understanding of the history, socio-economic and political situation, demographics, etc. of your assigned country; and the history and general operations of your assigned NGO.

### **Third,**

research the mandate, structure and function of your committee.

### **Next,**

research your committee topics by reading the Background Guide, and then undertaking your own research, delving into the issues more deeply.

### **Finally,**

investigate your country / NGO's position on the topics, as well as your role in the committee.

## Starting Your Research

### ***United Nations***

The UN website enables delegates to access individual committee sites, links to specific issues on the UN's agenda, and related information and data, links to missions of Member States to the UN, etc.

### ***United Nations Handbook***

The UN Handbook, published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand, is one of the most comprehensive sources of information on the aim, structure and membership of the organs of the UN. Delegates are recommended to use the handbook as a regular reference for all related entities within the UN system.

### ***The PGA - President of the UN General Assembly Handbook***

A practical guide to the United Nations General Assembly. This publication is another example of a Member State-initiated project aimed at providing comprehensive information on the UN. Focused on the General Assembly, it provides overviews of working methods, structures and protocols related to the body.

### ***UN Bibliographic Information System (UNBISNET)***

This source lists all UN documents archived by the UN Dag Hammarskjöld Library and includes landmark UN documents, resolutions of UN bodies, meeting and voting records, and press releases. It allows delegates to research by organ or by main issues, providing an accessible gateway to the work of the UN, agenda items, and individual Member States' roles.

### ***UN Global Issues***

This section of the UN website offers a topic-by-topic research gateway, with information available on dozens of "global issues" which transcend both state borders and, usually, individual UN agencies or bodies.

### ***UN Research Guides and Resources***

The UN Research website is a great starting point for delegates. Particularly helpful is the UN Documentation Research Guide, which will enable delegates to find any UN document easily.

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