Objectives of the Course

The objective of this class is to introduce the student to the basics of the daily, more bureaucratic functioning of international organizations. By the end of the semester, the student will have a comprehensive understanding of the actual mechanics of international organizations.

More specifically, this course is designed to prepare the student to participate in the Model Organization of American States competition to take place in San Antonio, Texas, on November 4th through November 6th, 2004, in order to accomplish the larger objective of the class.

In preparation for this competition, students will engage in various exercises designed to acquire knowledge of several important aspects of the inter-American system, the Organization of American States, and the political economy of the Americas. In addition, students will master the art of resolution writing, public speaking and debating, and the basic rules of parliamentary procedure. Students are also required to behave and act like diplomats during the training and the conference procedures. Role playing is an important part of this exercise.

In addition to this, the University of Texas at El Paso will be representing the country of Chile in the November competition. Therefore, students will become extremely familiar with everything related to Chile: its culture, its political system, its economic system, its society, etc. Students are expected to role play so as to represent the interests of Chile in the Model OAS.

The training period will start on September 13, 2004, and run up until the last Wednesday before November 4th, 2004. The class will meet every Monday at 7:00 PM in the Center for Inter-American and Border Studies or alternatively, if announced by the instructor, in the Cook Room in Benedict Hall 205.

Reading

Students are required to read the following websites in great detail:

a. [www.wacofsa.org](http://www.wacofsa.org)  (read weekly to check for updates)
b. [www.oas.org](http://www.oas.org)  (read as needed)
c. [http://www.presidencia.gob.cl](http://www.presidencia.gob.cl)  (read weekly)
d. http://www.primerapagina.com (read daily)
e. www.state.gov (read the Americas country profiles only)
f. www.americas.org (read daily)
g. http://www.tdm.com (Read daily)
h. http://diario.elmercurio.com (read daily)

I also recommend searching on the internet for the following Chilean newspapers and news sources:

- Agencia Chile Noticias
- Cavancha Diario digital de Iquique
- Centro de Medios Independientes Santiago Indymedia -Independent Media Chile
- Chileradio Agencia alternativa
- Condor News in German
- Crónica Concepción
- Diarios de Chile Directorio de Periodicos.com
- El Diario Empresas, Economía y Finanzas
- El Llanquihue de Puerto Mont
- El Mercurio Información general, circulación nacional
- El Mercurio de Valparaíso Edición regional
- El Mostrador Santiago
- El Siglo Digital Semanario de Santiago
- El Sur Periódico de Concepción
- Estrategia Negocios
- Florida Daily Diario de la comuna de la Florida al sur de Santiago de Chile
- La Hora
- La Nación
- La Otra Verdad Periódico escrito por ciudadanos independientes
- La Tercera Matutino de Santiago
- La Voz de Arauco Canete
- Las Ultimas Noticias
- Prensa Austral Punta Arenas
- Primera Línea
- Zona Impacto Desde la provincia de Quillota para todo el mundo

Students are also recommended to read the various books and articles listed under the specific training session.

**Delegation**

The class has 10 students enrolled. Each delegation however needs a minimum of 11 students. We will likely need two or three more students, depending on whether there will be another committee added to the competition or not.
But some students from other years may also be eligible to participate. This will be determined by consensus with the entire class.

**Trips**

As already made more or less clear, there will be two trips during the semester—funding permitting.

The first trip will take place on October 7th through 10th, 2004, to Monterrey, Nuevo León, México. Everyone will participate in this trip because it constitutes part of the training in parliamentary procedure. However, the class must come to an agreement on how to fundraise the monies necessary to go to Monterrey. Otherwise, this trip will not be possible.

The second trip will take place on November 4th through 7th, 2004, to San Antonio, Texas, USA, to participate in the Model Organization of American States organized by the World Affairs Council of San Antonio. Only the 11 to 13 students will represent UTEP during competition in San Antonio.

**Class Schedule**

August 24, 2004

INTRODUCTION

Country Assignment: CHILE

September 13, 2004

1. Pick Committees
   a. Committee on Hemispheric Security (CHS)
   b. Inter-American Committee on Human Rights (IACHR)
   c. Inter-American Committee on Cooperation and Development (IACD)
   d. Inter-American Commission against Drugs (CICAD)
   e. Inter-American Juridical Committee (IAJC)

2. Distribution Presentations
   i. Political System
   ii. Economic System
   iii. Social and Cultural Environment
   iv. Diplomatic Tradition (Treaties, etc.)
   v. International Memberships of Chile
   vi. Foreign policy of Chile
   vii. History of the Organization of American States
   viii. Structure of the Organization of American States
   ix. Active Resolutions of the Organization of American States
   x. Conflict and Early Warning Response Mechanisms of the OAS

3. Initial Parliamentary Procedures Review and Session
September 20, 2004
1. Resolution Writing Session
2. Practice Session
3. Elections for Ambassador and finalizing work on committees
4. Presentations:
   Reading:

September 28, 2004

1. Parliamentary Procedures Workshop
2. Presentations:
3. Practice Session
   Reading:
   Henry M. Robert, Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (Glenview, Ill: Scott, Foresman, c. 1990)
   www.wacofsa.org (for a synthesized version of what is required)

October 4, 2004

1. Lecture: Negotiations and Diplomacy
   Readings:
2. Presentations:
3. Practice Session

**Parliamentary Procedures Workshop (Monterrey, Nuevo León, México) is this week**

October 11, 2004
1. Lecture: International Organization: What they can and cannot do
2. Presentations:
3. Practice Session

October 18, 2004
1. Lecture: Public Speaking (Guest: Communications Department)
2. Presentations:
3. Practice Session
   Reading:
   Other books on public speaking chosen by the student

October 25, 2004
   1. Review of Resolution Writing
      a. By this class, all students will have to have prepared two or three resolutions on the subject matter of their chosen committee for review in class
   2. Practice Session

November 1, 2004
   1. Review of Parliamentary Procedures & Resolution Writing
   2. Presentations:
   3. Practice Sessions

November 4, 2004

   **The Model Organization of American States (San Antonio, Texas, USA) is this week**

It is quite possible that the entire class will be asked to practice on a single Saturday or Sunday for a few hours with Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez or any other university in the region that might be participating. This is yet to be arranged and the time, date, format, etc., will be determined with the consent of the entire class.