

Curriculum goals

After training, all delegates should be able to:

1. Understand THIMUN procedure
2. Give speeches, including an opening speech, and ask and answer POIs:
3. Write a formatted draft resolution, critique resolutions and understanding amendments
4. Know how to prepare for a conference, including training participation, researching topics, accessing resources and utilising chair reports

Extension goals:

5. Write a chair report and participate as a chair
6. Understand specialised committees
7. Train or help guide others

1. Understand THIMUN procedure:

- a. Introduction to MUN
- b. Different/or 'The various' committees of the UN and their topics
- c. The process of a THIMUN conference (opening ceremony, opening speeches, lobbying and merging, draft resolution debate, closing ceremony)
- d. Lobbying and merging, diplomacy
- e. Voting procedure on resolutions and amendments
- f. The purpose of speeches, opening speeches, and POIs ie. introducing a country's position
- g. What and why motions exist, ie, points of personal privilege
- h. Main submitters, co-submitters and signatories

2. Give speeches, including an opening speech, and ask and answer POIs:

- a. Opening speeches, including their length and content
- b. Rules and tips for speech-making:
 - i. Personal pronouns and speaking in third-person
 - ii. Body language while delivering speeches
 - iii. Structuring a speech, hook, three points, strong finish
 - iv. Improvising, how to do it and when (always have a purpose)
- c. POIs, used for clarifying or otherwise questioning a delegate's position, alongside when POIs are asked and how many are received
- d. Asking good POIs:
 - i. Specificity and referencing speaker's points

- ii. Noticing any inconsistencies
- e. Responding to POIs

3. Write a formatted draft resolution, critique resolutions and deal with amendments:

- a. Resolution formatting:
 - i. Times New Roman 12, numbering clauses correctly, line spacing
 - ii. Sub-clauses
 - iii. File naming and the importance of organisation
- b. Writing a resolution:
 - i. Thinking of creative solutions
 - ii. Writing pre-ambulatory clauses
 - iii. Converting ideas into operative clauses
 - iv. Adding enough detail
- c. Resolution defending and critique:
 - i. What is good and bad about a resolution
 - ii. Referencing a resolution in speeches
 - iii. How to criticise a resolution in a speech
 - iv. The varying effectiveness of certain criticisms, eg. “not detailed” versus “fundamentally flawed”
- d. Amendments:
 - i. Add, modify, strike
 - ii. Friendly and unfriendly
 - iii. Voting on amendments

4. Know how to prepare for a conference, including training participation, researching topics, accessing resources and utilise chair reports

- a. The importance (and unimportance) of a country stance
- b. Country research:
 - i. Clarifying stance
 - ii. Relations with key players and potential allies
- c. Topic research
 - i. Where the problem lies
 - ii. Previous solutions
 - iii. Good resources and where they are located
- d. Ethics and plagiarism, how to find and use online sources
- e. Chair reports, what they are and how to use them effectively
- f. Sharing work with trainers and receiving feedback

5. Write a chair report and participate as a chair:

- a. Chair report writing
- b. Procedure and wording
- c. How to manage committee and disruptive delegates
- d. Interactions between chairs, co-chairs

- e. Organisational notes (how to do amendments, resources etc.)

6. Understand specialised committees:

- a. JCC
 - i. Preparation
 - ii. Cabinet positions
 - iii. Directives
 - iv. Procedure
- b. ICC/ICJ
 - i. Witness Preparation
 - ii. Memorandums
 - iii. Objections
 - iv. Procedure (opening statement, stipulations, evidence, witness questioning, advocate questioning)
- c. HMUN
 - i. Opening speeches
 - ii. GSL
 - iii. Caucuses
 - iv. Working papers
 - v. Debating and voting on working papers
 - vi. Crafting resolutions

7. Train or help guide others:

- a. How to use resources
- b. How to give feedback
- c. How to maintain control and participation