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Model OAS
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International Diplomacy Study - Model OAS

The Model Organization of American States(OAS) is a simulation of the real OAS. Universities Students the North America, Latin America and the Caribbean send student delegations to represent the countries of the Americas. Month of preparation culminate in a meeting of the General Assembly where students spend one week at OAS headquarters in Washington DC debating the issues that importantly affect the Americas.

This class will prepare the student for this experience. Since each student must be trained to become an expert on particular agenda topics, there is much independent research involved in this class. Students will come prepared to brief the entire delegation each week

READINGS

The following books, articles and documents must be read before the class for which they are scheduled. Books are available at the **College Bookstore**. Articles marked with an asterisk (*) are available in a packet at **SAS/E** on Wentworth Street.

Manuel Garreton, **Incomplete Democracy**. U. Of North Carolina.

* Global Studies: Latin America

Country Profile - Chile

“Deadly Silence”

“An Alarm Call for Latin America’s Democrats”

“Latin America’s Volatile Financial Markets”

“Latin America Losing Hope in Democracy, Report Says”

“Drug Economies of the Americas \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$”

“South America’s New Leaders with Muscle”

“Europe and South America Near Trade Accord”

“Indigenous Bolivians are Rising Up and Taking Back Power”

“Venezuela’s Chávez as Everyman”

*Heraldo Muñoz, “A New OAS for the Times”

*Viron Vakey, “Organizational Structure of the OAS”

*2006 Model OAS Agenda

*Model Rules of Procedure

*Organizational Chart - Secretariat

*Organizational Chart - OAS

*Charter of the OAS

*Rules of Procedure in Brief

*Common OAS Acronyms

Schedule

I. Weeks 1 and 2 - January 9-22

Introduction to the OAS and Model OAS - general discussion and history; introduction to Chile; assigning of committees and agenda topics; internet guide to OAS site; orientation to research for the model; begin research on agenda topics

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II. Weeks 3 - 7 January 23- February 26 – Research and research reports

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III. Weeks 7 - 9 February 27 - March 12 – Rules of Procedure - begin mock sessions

READ: *Model Rules of Procedure

IV. Weeks 10 - 12 March 13 - April 7 – Continue mock sessions; Writing, critiquing, editing resolutions; final preparation

V. Week 13 – MODEL OAS – April 9 - 13

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND POLICY

Attendance - Attendance is mandatory.

Exams - There will be no exams in this course.

Reflection Paper – Each student will write a short - 5 page – paper comparing how one agenda item they were responsible for was dealt with in the Model as opposed to the real OAS General Assembly. Evaluate the successes or failures of each

OFFICE HOURS

Please feel free to see me at any time - I have an open door policy. Formal office hours will be announced.

FINAL GRADE WILL BE COMPUTED AS FOLLOWS:

Preparation	40%
Performance	50%
Reflection Paper	10%
Total	100%