

## **PAD 590 SUNY Model European Union Graduate Student Director**

### **Course Title for Registrar/Transcripts: SUNYMEU Student Director**

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The SUNY Model European Union (SUNYMEU) is a program sponsored by the Institute for European Union Studies at SUNY (IEUSS), the SUNY Office of Global Affairs (with which IEUSS is affiliated), and participating SUNY campuses. SUNYMEU is guided by Rules & Procedures approved and published by the IEUSS, in consultation with faculty advisers participating in SUNYMEU. The SUNY Model European Union was founded in 1988 by the State University of New York (SUNY) as an adaptation of the popular Model United Nations (MUN), but differs in its conception, organization, roles, and outcomes. SUNYMEU simulates a summit of the European Council. The summits are held at least twice a year, including in June and December when they signal the end of an EU presidency. However, with the EU facing a succession of crises in recent years, “special” summits of European Councils occur much more often now, with European Council meetings, which are normally held in the Europa Building in Brussels, now being held up to seven times a year. SUNYMEU is student-run and student-directed, with a graduate student serving as SUNYMEU Graduate Student Director. SUNY Buffalo State is responsible for organizing SUNYMEU 2023 at the SUNY Global Center in NYC.

The SUNYMEU Graduate Student Director works closely with the faculty co-directors of SUNYMEU and takes on a managerial role with respect to the undergraduate students. This is course is designed as a hands-on experience to gain administrative and managerial experience in program planning and management in a public institution.

#### Course Objectives:

1. Practice Project Management by undertaking management functions for SUNYMEU 2023, including student recruitment, assigning member states and other roles, conference planning, conference management, human resource management, and feedback (post event survey and analysis).
2. Outreach Skills. Recruitment and communication with faculty and students at campuses that will potentially participate in SUNYMEU, campuses located in NYS through email and Zoom.
3. Enhance teamwork skills working with SUNYMEU faculty co-directors and undergraduate student assistants.
4. Develop supervisory skills by supervising undergraduate students assigned to SUNYMEU organization.
5. Become conversant with parliamentary procedure and running small meetings.
6. Develop skills in conducting meetings and taking minutes.
7. Enhance the skills of writing a technical report, including automatic table of contents, figures, boxes, tables, photos, executive summary, and recommendations.
8. Enhance software skills in Word, Excel, Google Forms, and Qualtrics.

9. Become familiar with the basic operation of the European Union.
10. Co-editing a technical manual (*The IEUSS Guide to the SUNY Model European Union*).
11. Practice post-event evaluation through developing a post-event evaluation, administering on the Qualtrics platform, and generating the report.

#### Course Readings:

##### *1. Course Readings:*

#### Textbook

McCormick, John. 2020. *Understanding the European Union: A Concise Introduction*. 8th ed. Bloomsbury.

#### SUNYMEU Manual (OER)

Buonanno, L., Ceesay, A., Cugleşan, N., Nugent, N., Peters, T., Rabb, G., and Smith, D. (Eds) (2023). [\*IEUSS Guide to the SUNY Model European Union\*](#) (17th ed.). Institute for European Union Studies at SUNY.

#### Technical Reports

SUNYMEU 2023 Final Report.

IEUSS 2022-2023 Final Report.

##### *2. Current Events:*

Daily reading of Politico.eu

The Institute for European Union Studies at SUNY maintains a resource page “[Staying Current on the EU](#).”

##### *3. EU’s Strategic Priorities*

- a. A good place to start learning about the EU’s current concerns is with [European Union Priorities for 2019-2024](#). “Following the European elections in May 2019, the EU set a number of priorities that shape the political and policy agenda until 2024...”
- b. [Commission priorities for 2019-24](#).

##### *4. The Swedish Presidency (January 1-June 30, 2023)*



- a. The priorities laid out in the trio programme (France, Czechia, Sweden). [The 1 January 2022-30 June 2023 trio programme](#).

The four priorities of the Swedish Presidency are:

- Security – unity (strengthening the Common Security and Defence Policy)
- Competitiveness
- Green & energy transitions
- Democratic values and the rule of law

Documents to Consult:

- [Swedish Presidency Programme](#)
- [Speech by Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson](#) in the Riksdag laying out the priorities of the Swedish Presidency (December 14, 2022)

### Course Outputs

- Minutes from weekly meetings with Co-directors (conducted in-person or virtually)
- Final Report (due May 21) on SUNYMEU 2023.
- Post-event evaluation report (generated from Qualtrics)
- *The IEUSS Guide to the SUNY Model European Union* (17<sup>th</sup> Edition)
- Suggested revisions to *The IEUSS Guide to the SUNY Model European Union* (18<sup>th</sup> Edition for SUNYMEU 2024)