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**Model United Nations**

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## MODEL SENATE

The annual Floyd M. Riddick Model U.S. Senate reproduces the actual procedures and activities of the United States Senate at Stetson University in Deland, FL. Each student is assigned the role of a senator in one of five legislative committees. Each committee is responsible for researching and introducing a variety of bills and all Senators engage in floor debate. In order to maximize the authenticity of the Senate, students adopt the individual characteristics of their respective Senator. The Model Senate is a university-sponsored student organization, but there is often an upper-level Political Science course associated with the group that allows students to participate while earning college credit.

## MOCK TRIAL

The Political Science Department is also the home of VSU's Mock Trial Team. Mock Trial Team is affiliated with Political Science/Legal Assistant Studies' Trial Advocacy I and II courses. This is an examination of all aspects of presenting cases for presentation in trial, from opening statements to closing arguments. Students will learn basic technical skills necessary as members of the university's Mock Trial Team at tournaments sponsored by the American Mock Trial Association.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

### Mission

Model United Nations (MUN) is an organization that explores the fundamentals of the United Nations from both an oral and written perspective to better understand the global society and foster international awareness. Opportunities exist for students to learn to debate, mediate, and teach in a variety of ways.

### About Model United Nations

Model United Nations is an academic simulation of the United Nations that aims to educate participants about current events, topics in international relations, diplomacy, and the United Nations agenda. The participants role-play as diplomats representing a nation or NGO in a simulated session of a committee of the United Nations, such as the Security Council or the General Assembly. Participants research a country, take on roles as diplomats, investigate international issues, debate, deliberate, consult, and then develop solutions to world problems. Simulations of international organizations are older than the United Nations. Model United Nations can trace its lineage to simulations of the League of Nations, the predecessor of the UN, back to the 1920s. Modern day Model UN conferences began in the 1950s and have seen a tremendous growth, in terms of interest and participation, since that time. Today more than 60,000 students worldwide, from middle school to college, participate in Model UN simulations annually.



# ΠΓΜ

## PI GAMMA MU INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN SOCIAL SCIENCE

### Our Mission

Our mission is to encourage and recognize superior scholarship in social science disciplines and to foster cooperation and social service among members. Pi Gamma Mu serves the various social science disciplines which seek to understand and explain human behavior and social relationships as well as their related problems and issues.

### History

Pi Gamma Mu was founded in 1924 by Dean Leroy Allen from Southwestern College in Kansas and Dean William A. Hamilton of the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Seventeen founding chapters were organized simultaneously. Social Science was established as a quarterly journal in 1925. With the beginning of Volume 57 in 1982, the name of the journal was changed to International Social Science Review. Publication of the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter began in 1978. Pi Gamma Mu is the oldest and preeminent honor society in the social sciences. Currently, there are around 150 active chapters in the United States and overseas. Pi Gamma Mu's constitution defines the social sciences to include the disciplines of history, political science, sociology, anthropology, economics, psychology, international relations, criminal justice, social work, social philosophy, history of education, and cultural/human geography. Membership is also extended to interdisciplinary social science areas that build on the core social science disciplines, such as business and society, education, minority studies, public administration, international studies, public finance, leadership studies, consumer behavior, public policy, and organizational behavior.