UCA to host model U.N. conference

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The department of political science will host the 41st Annual Arkansas Model United Nations (AMUN) Conference on Nov. 17-18. The AMUN Conference is cosponsored by the model U.N. organizations at UCA and Hendrix College. About 400 high school students from four different registered states.

Since its founding in 1966, thousands of high school students in Arkansas and neighboring states have participated in the AMUN program. For the past three decades, the AMUN Conference has been one of the largest model U.N. conferences in the country.

Political science professor, Dr. Mark Mullenbach, coordinated the event.

"The AMUN provides high school students with a unique opportunity to enhance their communication and critical thinking skills and increase their understanding of diplomacy and international politics," Mullenbach said. "The annual AMUN Conference allows students to simulate representatives of various countries throughout the world in the decision-making bodies of the United Nations."

The participants from high schools are divided into groups – General Committee, Economic and Social Council, Security Council, Organization of American States World Health Organization and Model International Court of Justice.

AMUN Secretary-General Jose Guzzardi and Mullenbach lead the group meetings every other Tuesday.

"I am very excited and honored to serve as secretary-general in the 41st Annual [AMUN] Conference," Guzzardi said. "Dr. Mark Mullenbach has been working hard to have a wonderful conference. We also have a great staff this year."

The opening session will be in Reynolds Performance Hall Nov. 17 at 1 p.m.