

2013 Sample Model United Nations Interview
Questions and Instructions (NOT 2014 Question)

All interviews are in **016 Millet**, the Model United Nations Room.
Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your scheduled interview time and wait outside.
Someone will come get you when we are ready for you.

The Announced Topic- The Euro-crisis:

You are representing Germany at a summit meeting discussing the European financial and economic crisis. Europe faces a serious financial and economic situation stemming from the fall of the Soviet Union and the creation of the Euro was exacerbated by the financial crisis in the United States of America in 2008. Since 2008 the European economy has entered a deep recession and the statements of financial position of European countries namely Portugal, Ireland, Italy Greece, and Spain (PIIGS) have become heavily weighted in public debt. One of the primary reasons for the rise of debt in these countries is the inflation of the Euro. Over the last five years, the Euro inflated at an average rate of 1.9%. This caused European goods to become more expensive to import. The world imports fewer European goods as global recession spreads. The outcome was GDP dropped in many European countries resulting in many countries having to take on more debt to satisfy monetary obligations. Countries in strong economic positions such as Germany, France, and Switzerland have emerged from the crisis as leaders.

Leaders of these countries required PIIGS to implement austerity measures over the last few years as a condition to have access to bailout funds utilized to lower the amount of debt on their statements of financial position This strategy is highly controversial because many economists and countries believe that it will make the situation worse. Through implementing austerity measures a country cuts the amount of capital that it is injecting into its economy. With less money flowing into the economy spending drops, unemployment rises, and minor inflation occurs. This causes less tax revenue to be returned to the government. As this becomes cyclical it can spiral out of control and the country accrues more debt. New measures have ranged from removing Greece from the euro, to establishing a stronger central bank in Europe. At this point, no options are off the table.

As the German ambassador, what actions should be taken in order to revive the economy? Be prepared to discuss and defend your recommendations.

The Unannounced Topic:

The best way to prepare for the unannounced topic is to follow international news from various sources. *Watching the nightly news will not be sufficient.* We suggest looking at the BBC, the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post, or the Wall Street Journal, all of which can be accessed online. If you have a preferred news source, try investigating the international sections and read through the stories to get a sense of the world. *Particular attention should be paid to the middle east and the humanitarian, security, and other major issues that are consistent with the region.*

The Attire

For the interview, you should dress in Western Business Attire. For gentlemen, this consists of a suit, or sports coat with slacks and a tie. For ladies, this consists of a suit, including dress pants or a skirt, a blouse, and a jacket for ladies. *Professional dress is important* as it sets the tone for the interview and gives a good first impression.

A Few More Hints...

- *Punctuality is important.* You should arrive at least 10 minutes early to the interview. If you arrive late, it is unlikely that you will receive an alternate interview time due to limited availability of open times.
- Make sure you turn in the application at least 24 hours before your interview time.

- If you must cancel or reschedule your interview for any reason, please contact us at least 24 hours in advance by calling (937) 626-7576 or emailing us at wsumun2013@gmail.com.
- Perhaps the most important hint is to *relax while you are waiting!*

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