

Honorable delegates, faculty members, and friends:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 44th annual Mid-South Model United Nations Conference. This conference would not be possible without the continued dedication and enthusiasm of you, our delegates, advisors, and parents,so thank you. Our entire staff has been hard at work preparing material, planning logistics, and coordinating with all of you to ensure everyone will receive the best possible experience at MSMUN 2027. We encourage you to take full advantage of this opportunity and challenge yourself to go beyond your limitations – it is only outside our comfort zones that we grow. We eagerly look forward to meeting all of you, and of course, the great debate that awaits in March 2027!

The geo-political landscape today requires strong collaboration between the many states and individual persons that make up the international system. You come to MSMUN to diplomatically solve the world's problems and to experience firsthand both the frustrations and benefits of collaboration, which displays your commitment to global change. It is students like you who give the world hope for a promising future – be the change you hope to see in the world because no one else will be. As a representative of your country, we encourage you to maximize your country's interests—network with other delegates, form blocs, and ensure that your country's interests are implemented into international policy. International relations is, in one way or another, near and dear to the hearts of everyone who participates in this amazing activity, and we hope that you exude the same passion we do. When you walk through the committee doors that first day, don't hold back – let your chairs, fellow delegates, and faculty advisors know you are passionate about the state of the global world.

Beyond debate proceedings, we would like to encourage you all to speak with your respective chairs and co-chairs. MSMUN staff spans a huge range of sociolinguistic backgrounds, current research interests, and collegiate experiences, and come from nearly all walks of life. Our staff is a resource for you all to use and learn from,so please do! Should you have questions about life as a college student, collegiate MUN, or anything else that suits your interests, do not hesitate to ask your chairs! We strongly urge you to utilize the resources available to you and enjoy the 44th Mid-South Model United Nations Conference.

Kindest Regards,

Dania Verbena
President General Assembly, Mid-South Model United Nations XLIV

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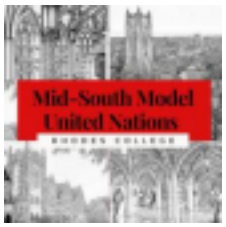
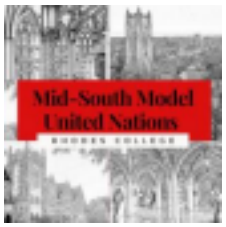
Deputy Secretary-General, Mid-South Model United Nations XLIV

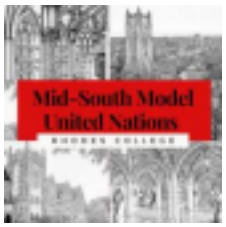


Schedule of Conference Proceedings:

Saturday, April 10th 2027			
8:30 - 9:30 am		Conference Check-In	Buckman Hall
9:45 - 11:00 am		Opening Ceremony	Blount Auditorium (in Buckman Hall)
11:30 - 1:00 pm		Session I*	Buckman Hall *Assigned Committee Rooms *(Delegates will walk with chairs to committee rooms; snacks provided before the session begins)*
1:00 - 1:45 pm		Lunch	The Rat (meal provided)
2:00 - 5:00 pm		Session II*	Buckman Hall *Assigned Committee Rooms
5:00 - 5:30 pm		Break	Buckman Hall (snacks provided)
5:30 - 6:30 pm		Session III*	Buckman Hall

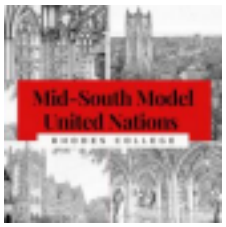


			*Assigned Committee Rooms
6:45 - 7:45 pm		Delegate Dinner	Buckman Hall Blount Auditorium
8:00 - 9:45 pm		Delegate Mixer	Buckman Hall Blount Auditorium *Note: We highly recommend delegates attend the delegate mixer, however, the event is optional as well as 'come-and-go.'*



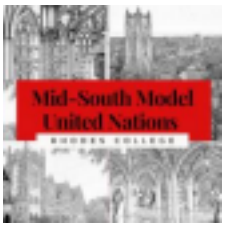
Sunday, April 11th 2027			
9:30 - 11:15 am		Session IV*	Buckman Hall *Assigned Committee Rooms
11:15 - 11:45 pm		Lunch	The Rat
11:45 - 1:00 pm		Session V*	GA Plenary Session *Blount
1:15 - 1:30 pm		Superlatives and Ask the Chairs*	Buckman Hall *Assigned Committee Rooms
1:45 - 2:45 pm		Closing Ceremony and Awards	Blount Auditorium Speaker and Awards

Finalized room assignments will be provided at Conference Check-In
Select resolution passed in Session 3 will be discussed



Committee Topic Information

UN Women	Protecting the Rights of Women and Girls in Afghanistan Combating the Trafficking and Exploitation of Women and Girls in Conflict/Post-Conflict
UNSC	The Iranian War **Crisis**
DISEC	Preventing the Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle East Regulating Autonomous Weapons Systems and AI in Warfare
Fictional	The Second Rebellion and Future of Panem **Crisis**
Historical	1945 San Francisco Conference: Establishing a New International Organization for the Maintenance of International Peace and Security **Crisis**
Legal	Regulating Private Military and Security Companies Under International Law Establishing International Legal Standards for Remote Military Operations During Armed Conflict
CND	The Role of Illicit Drug Economies in Financing Armed Conflict Reassessing the Global Approach to Drug Control: Prohibition, Decriminalization, Harm Reduction, and Public Health
ECOSOC	Reforming the International Financial System to Address the Debt Crisis in Developing Countries The Economic Reintegration of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in Post-Conflict States



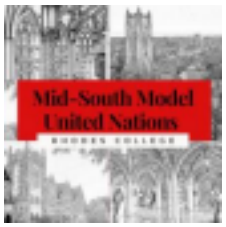
Awards & Policies

AWARDS

Though Model United Nations is not only about receiving awards, MSMUN has established a criteria for evaluating delegate performance. Each of the following elements is equally important to the overall awards determination process.

AREAS OF EVALUATION:

- Remaining in character: defined as advocating your assigned country's position in a manner consistent with economic,social, and geopolitical constraints.
    - o In other words, advocating for a position,solution, or action that is contrary to one your country would pursue or advocate for will negatively affect this section of the criteria
- Participating in a committee: delegates are evaluated both during formal sessions and caucuses for their ability to work with other delegates diplomatically.
    - o Not speaking regularly will negatively affect this section of the criteria
- Proper use of the rules of procedure: MSMUN will use the rules of procedure to facilitate effective workings of committee and debate. Delegates are expected to know and understand the rules and use them effectively.
- Consistent skillful use of Rules of Procedure and Parliamentary Procedure will help delegates score high.
    - o Should you have any questions regarding Rules of Procedure or Parliamentary Procedure, feel free to ask your chairs or contact our team!
- Contribution to solutions: Delegates are expected to play vital roles in helping to solve the issues that each committee faces. As such, delegates who do not sponsor, co-draft or assist in the production of resolutions and/or directives will not score high.



AWARDS GIVEN:

- Each committee will grant **one outstanding delegate, one best delegate, and one honorable mention award**. In addition, the chairs of each committee will decide on **two best position paper awards**. (**Note:* Position papers are not mandatory for participation in MSMUN 2026 and failing to submit one does NOT exclude any delegates from receiving the **outstanding delegate, best delegate, or honorable mention** award. However, not submitting a position paper does mean that the delegate will not be able to receive a **best position paper** award.*)*
- At the end of the conference, one best overall delegation (i.e.school) will be named based on a weighted average of individual awards received throughout the conference.

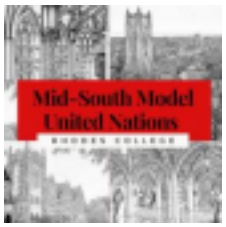
Conference Expectations

DRESS CODE:

All clothing must adhere to guidelines that display professionalism and modesty, as required by the United Nations charter.

- Standard delegate attire for the conference is Western business attire. This includes business jackets, slacks or skirts, blouses, pants suits, dress shirts, ties, and dress shoes.
- Shorts, ball caps, jeans,sneakers,sunglasses, and clothes that expose excessive bare skin or are otherwise revealing are inappropriate for committee sessions and should not be worn.
- It is not appropriate for delegates to display any national symbols such as flags, pins, crests, etc. on their person during individual sessions. UN symbols are acceptable, however.
- Cultural dress is only permitted for international delegates in whose native countries "professional business dress" includes traditional cultural dress.

Any questions or concerns surrounding the dress code regulations, or about the permissibility of specific items of apparel can be addressed to our team at rhodescollegemsmun@gmail.com.



DELEGATE EXPECTATIONS

While participating in MSMUN, delegates have a responsibility to always maintain the highest level of professionalism and diplomacy. Conference staff, faculty, and fellow delegates should always be treated with the highest level of courtesy and respect. Professionalism in speech, actions, and appearance is a requirement of this conference, and necessary to its educational mission.

The following behavior is expected of delegates during debate:

- The use of laptops is only permitted during unmoderated caucuses for the sole purpose of conference-related activities. Laptops should be closed and stowed when not in an unmoderated caucus.
    - o Committee chairs and conference staff reserve the right to prohibit the use of technology during committee sessions if deemed necessary
- Please make sure your cell phones are on silent and put away during committee. The use of cell phones for ANY reason (apart from an emergency) is not permitted. Cellphones should not be used for conference research and should be turned off and stowed at all times, including during unmoderated caucuses.
    - o We ask that should an emergency arise, you calmly inform your chair, and step into the hall.
- Be punctual. Arrive in the committee room on time, every time.
- Please refrain from talking during formal debate unless recognized by the chair. We recommend that you pass notes to communicate with other delegates,should the need to communicate arise.
- Delegates are encouraged to write resolutions/directives during unmoderated caucuses. o It is prohibited to work on any resolutions/directives during formal debate or when not in session.
- Before speaking, please stand and state your country; this assists not only your chair but also your fellow delegates.
- Do not use a first person voice such as “I” or “me” or your own name while speaking in session and/or referring to other delegates and the committee chair and co- chair.

FACULTY EXPECTATIONS

The role of the faculty advisor is to make all efforts to see that their students maintain a positive and professional approach to the conference. The educational quality of the conference is primarily dependent on all delegates' active and professional participation. Faculty can ensure this by monitoring their students' attendance at committee meetings and helping them understand the skills of diplomacy as practiced at the Mid-South Model UN Conference. Please remember that while faculty members are encouraged to observe their students from the back of committee rooms, participation in the committee process must be left to the student delegates and the conference staff.

Faculty members are expected to:

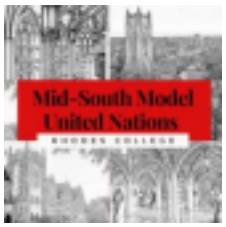
- Encourage and foster positive debate and participation among delegates
- Attend and participate in faculty meetings.
- Remind their delegates of the educational purpose of the simulation and that awards should not be a delegation's main emphasis.
- Never communicate with delegates or chairs while committee sessions are in progress.
- Should a faculty member need to raise a complaint about committee proceedings during a committee session, the adviser should excuse themself and find a member of the secretariat immediately.

CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

MSMUN is thankful to have continual support from Rhodes College in hosting, funding, and planning this conference. As such, we ask that ALL persons attending the conference (delegates and faculty advisors) adhere to the following rules:

- Respect all facilities and spaces around campus. While this includes committee rooms, it also includes the campus grounds, the refectory, and all other spaces. Please be tidy, clean up after yourselves, and refrain from engaging in any activity that could damage College property.

  That said, accidents of course do happen, and we will do our best to assist should an accident occur.
- Practice mutual respect toward other delegates, conference staff, and employees of the College.



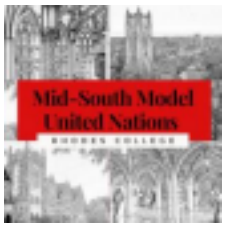
- MSMUN, in line with the standards of the College, requires mutual respect toward every person. Any language or action that could be considered offensive, inappropriate, or vulgar is not permitted.

- Using inappropriate language or engaging in inappropriate conduct could result in immediate withdrawal from the conference and, if deemed necessary, immediate removal from campus.

- Adhere to any policy or request made by conference staff, or campus safety officials.

- Conference staff have the safety, well-being, and participation of delegates and faculty advisors as their top priority, and their requests should be respected

- Members of the secretariat and campus safety personnel have the final word on all matters related to conference operations.



Parliamentary Procedure in Short Form

Motion	**Purpose**	**Debate**	**Vote**	**Explanation**
Point of Order	Correct an error in conference proceedings	None	None	
Point of Parliamentary Inquiry	Ask a question regarding procedure	None	None	
Point of Information	Factual question directed at the chair (usually regarding committee topic)	None	None	Cannot be a Leading Question
Appeal the Chair	Challenging a decision of the chair	None	Majority	Requires intervention from Sec-Gen or Deputy Sec-Gen
Recess of the Meeting	Break	None	Majority	Must Specify when the meeting will reconvene
Adjournment of the Meeting	End the Meeting	None	Majority	Used only to close the final session
Motion to table debate	Temporarily pause debate on the current topic and move to another topic, returning to the former if time permits	2 Con; 2 Pro	2/3	Ends All Discussion on Current Topic
Closure of Debate	Vote on All draft resolutions; move to immediate vote	2 Con; 2 Pro	2/3	Ends All Discussion on Current Topic

Roll Call Vote	Vote by roll call, rather than by show of placards	None	None	
Vote by Voice Acclamation	Vote by voice acclamation, rather than show of placards	None	Majority	

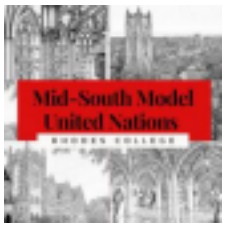
Adoption by Consensus	Voting to unanimously accept the proposed resolution	None	ALL	Any 'no' vote fails the resolution and requires it to be revoted upon.
	on Re-Open Debate on an issue	2 Con; 2 Pro	2/3	
Close the Speaker's List	No additional speakers added to speakers' list on topic; reopening speakers list allows speaker to be added on the list again	None	Majority	Only applicable for standard committees
Adoption of the Agenda	Approval of Topic Debate Order	None	Majority	

Drafting Resolutions

Draft resolutions are written in a standard format. Each draft resolution should be written as a single sentence, with commas and semicolons separating the various parts (see "Sample Resolution"). It is expected that all delegations will observe the following outline when preparing their draft resolutions.

THE HEADING:

The heading at the top of the resolution is very important as it is used to facilitate the work of the Chair in processing the draft resolution. The Header includes the subject of the resolution (agenda topic), the name of the body to which it will be presented and the name or names of sponsoring countries.



THE TEXT:

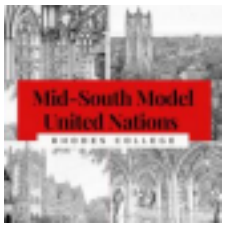
PREAMBULATORY CLAUSES: This part of the resolution is designed to explain the purpose of the draft and to state the primary reasons for support of the operative clauses which follow. The perambulatory clauses often refer to earlier UN resolutions, appropriate articles of the UN charter, or other UN actions. It begins with the name of the body to which the resolution is being submitted in all caps. The preamble may not be amended.

PREAMBULATORY PHRASES:

Affirming	Deeply Regretting	Further Deploring	Realizing
Alarmed By	Disturbed	Guided by	Reaffirming
Approving	Deeply	Having Adopted	Recognizing
Aware Of	Desiring	Having Considered	Seeking
Believing	Emphasizing	Having ...	Taking into Consideration
Bearing In Mind	Expecting	Keeping in Mind	Viewing with Appreciation
Convinced	Fulfilling	Noting with Regret	Welcoming
Confident	Fully Aware	Noting with ...	
Declaring	Fully ...	Observing	

OPERATIVE CLAUSES: The numbered operative clauses take the form of recommendations for actions or a statement of opinions concerning the situation. Operative clauses are the statement of policy in a resolution. The draft may request action by the UN members, Secretariat, or other UN

bodies. The operative clauses begin with a verb to denote an action and each clause usually addresses no more than one specific aspect of the action to be taken. Operative clauses may be amended.



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Accepts	Confirms	Emphasizes	Further ...
Affirms	Considers	Encourages	Notes
Approves	Declares	Endorses	Proclaims
Calls Upon	Deplores	Expresses Appreciation	Reaffirms
Condemns	Draws the Attention	Express ...	Reminds
Congratulates	Designates	Further Invites	Urges

Resolution Example

TITLE

Sponsors: COUNTRIES (at least two)

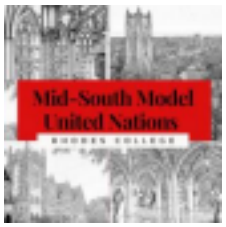
Signatories: (minimum determined by quorum)

To the Security Council,

Recalling all previous resolutions concerning the matter of disarmament, specifically Resolution 1284 (1999),

Bearing in mind the absence of United Nations weapons inspectors from Iraq since 1998 when they were prevented from operating freely and carrying out their work within the country,

Emphasizing the need for the immediate resumption of weapons inspections in Iraq without obstacle, delay, or conditions as a means of combating the risk of proliferation,



Having received a letter from Dr. Naji Sabri, Iraqi Minister of Foreign Affairs, declaring the Iraqi government's renewed commitment to compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions by allowing for the return of the United Nations weapons inspectors to Iraq without conditions,

We, the Delegations of [above]:

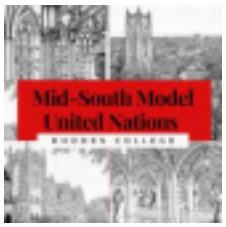
I. Reaffirm the provisions of all relevant resolutions adopted by the Security Council mandating the responsibilities of United Nations weapons inspections;

II. Calls upon the country or Iraq to fulfill its renewed commitment to the return of United Nations weapons inspectors without conditions;

III. Emphasizes the need for permanent Iraqi disarmament in accordance with previously adopted Security Council and in accordance with the timeline and 17 practical arrangements required for inspection and monitoring as agreed upon at the talks between UNMOVIC and the Iraqi government in Vienna on September 30;

III. Expresses our hope that the Iraqi will indeed fulfill its commitment to the return of United Nations weapons inspectors as a means of fulfilling the requisites of all relevant Security Council resolutions and of subsequently fulfilling its role in the sphere of disarmament;

IV. Recognizes the right of the Security Council to draw the appropriate conclusions and to review all possible options in the event that United Nations weapons inspectors are prevented from carrying out their work as mandated by previously adopted Security Council resolutions.



Drafting Directives

Draft directives,similar to draft resolutions, are written in a standard format. Draft directives are used *only* in specialized committees (i.e. UNSC, ADHOC, Historical and Fictional Crisis). Each draft directuve should be written as a single sentence, with commas and semicolons separating the various parts (see "Sample Directive"). Unlike resolutions however, directives do not include the use of preambulatory clauses, and instead are shorter and more concise. It is expected that all delegations will observe the following outline when preparing their draft resolutions.

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The heading at the top of the resolution is very important as it is used to facilitate the work of the Chair in processing the draft resolution. The Header includes the subject of the resolution (agenda topic), the name of the body to which it will be presented and the name or names of sponsoring countries.

THE TEXT:

Directives are documents that are action based, and meant to be resolved quickly. As such, it is not uncommon for a directive to be as short as 2-3 clauses, given that it may solve a specific problem with a few well developed clauses. Only use operative clauses and actions words when drafting directives.

OPERATIVE PHRASES:

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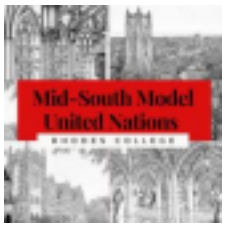


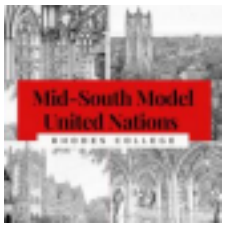
Sample Directive

Directive Name (TITLE)

Sponsors: Delegation (only one required)

Signatories: (minimum determined by quorum)

1. Establishes an oversight committee designed to regulate the spread of enriched uranium around the world
    a. This committee will have the power to conduct independent audits of nations that are believed to be harboring enriched uranium for the use of nuclear weapons and determine its capability to be used in such a manner
    b. This body will be comprised of 11 member nations on a three-year rotating basis. No nation that currently is party to a case before the International Court ofJustice (ICJ) may serve on this body.
    c. This team will be dubbed the Committee Limiting Operations of Uranium Development (CLOUD)
2. Implements global regulations surrounding the sale and distribution of enriched uranium between nations and individuals
    a. Prohibits the sale of enriched uranium to any signatory of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) for any purpose other than civil nuclear power generation
    b. Requires sales of enriched uranium between member nations to be made accessible to CLOUD



Campus Map

Rhodes College

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Parking
Accessible

On Campus Building
Public Property
On Campus Dorm
Areas inside red outline are considered on campus

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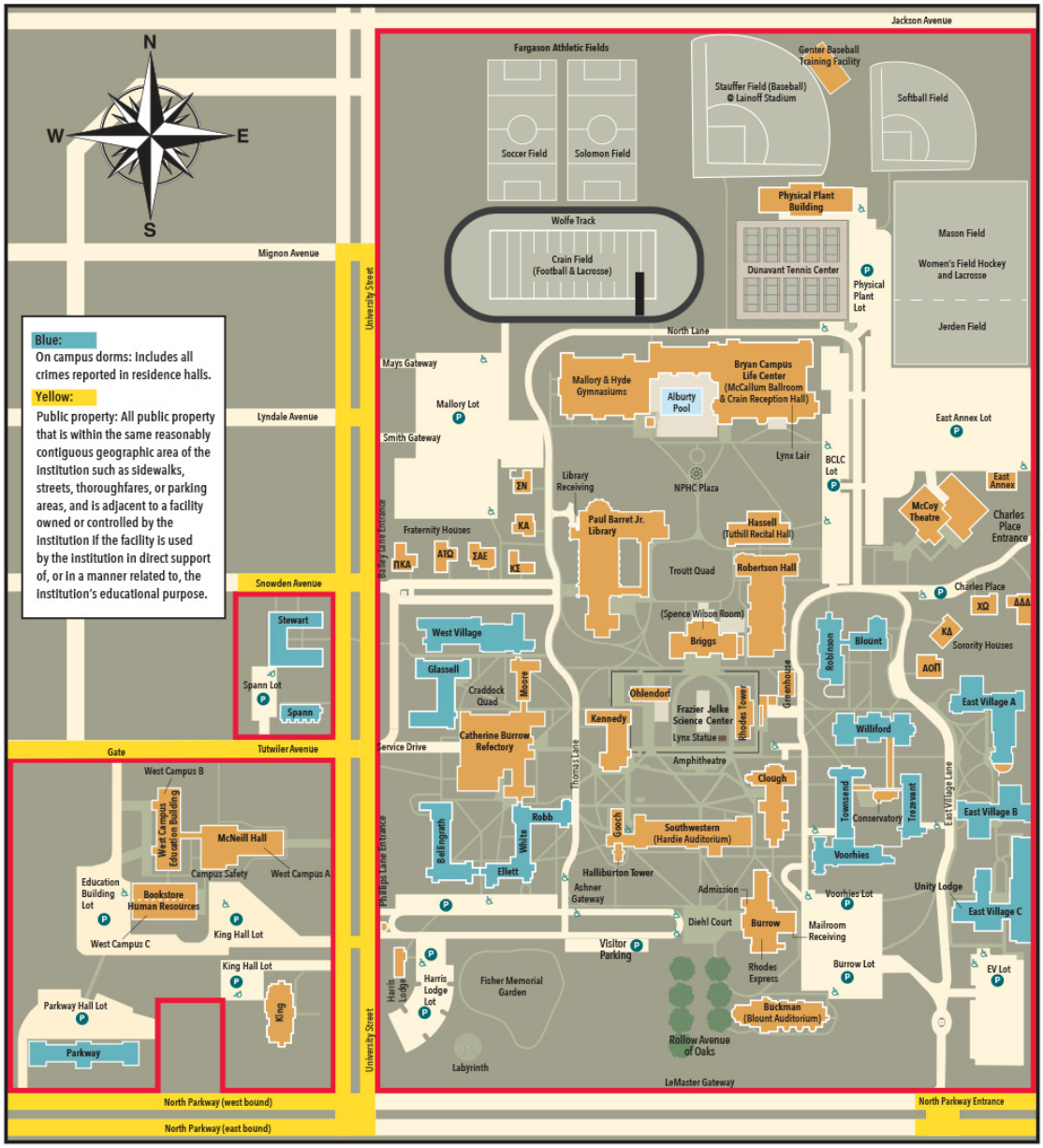

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