POLS 323 (one credit)
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LAB: MODEL UNITED NATIONS
TBA (one evening each month, individually arranged sessions, and simulation
   Friday night and all day Saturday early December)
Carolyn Stephenson
Focus Area: Oral Communication (O)

Preliminary Syllabus/Description

International Relations Lab is preparation for and participation in the Hawaii Model United Nations. Learn about the UN and the issues before the Security Council and each General Assembly committee in September, choose country and issues and read and do guided research in October, get trained in how to give a speech and debate a resolution in November, and participate in the formal simulation Friday night and all day Saturday of the first or second weekend in December, representing a particular country. An individual delegation session and several class pre-presentation sessions will also be arranged. Students will simulate one of three committees of the UN General Assembly (1) disarmament and security, 2) economics and environment, 3) social and human rights, and the General Assembly itself, and/or the Security Council.

By permission of instructor only. Preference will be given first to students concurrently or previously enrolled in either POLS 201 or 319, and second, to Political Science majors and those enrolled in the certificate or major in Peace and Conflict studies. Other students will be admitted by interview only. Contact Dr. Carolyn Stephenson at 956-8195 for additional information and appointment. This is a serious experiential learning class which is also a lot of fun. Requirements: class presentation, one formal 3-minute written and oral speech, and participation in debate.

Readings will include:
The New York Times Monday-Friday (Aug. -Dec.) articles