



# press corps

*georgia tech model united nations  
2024 preparation guide*

# Welcome!

Dear Press Delegates,

Welcome to GTMUN 2024 Press Corps! We are really excited to be a part of your Model United Nations journey over the next two days! This conference will be an exhausting one, especially as a Press Delegate (we will go over the specifics below), yet a rewarding and fun-filled one surrounded by your fellow delegates throughout the conference!

As members of the Press Corps, you will have a unique opportunity to experience Model United Nations from a different perspective. Unlike most delegates, members of the Press Corps adventure through different committees gathering information, conducting interviews, and writing articles. However, with such flexibility comes a great responsibility! The press is responsible for delivering the public with valuable information about world events, and therefore has the power to influence the world in ways we could never imagine.

As a Press Delegate, you will represent and report on the events throughout the conferences through the lens of your assigned agency in your notes, interviews, and articles. Each news agency is unique, they may share different histories, biases, and purposes to best deliver information to their audience, and it is your role to portray your news agency to the best of your ability!

This guide will cover the general guidelines of the Press Corps and the expectations for each Press Delegate at GTMUN 2024! As such, we hope you utilize this guide to better prepare for the conference!

Welcome again to the best group (in our humble opinion) of the conference and we look forward to meeting everyone at GTMUN 2024!

Best,  
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# Overview

The Press Corps at Georgia Tech Model United Nations serve as the primary correspondents delivering committee proceedings to (a hypothetical) global audience.

Each Press Delegate will be assigned a news agency to represent prior to the conference. Each assigned news agency has a distinct perspective and purpose correlated with the country they are from, the audience they serve, or the journalistic norms that exist in the region. As such, your reporting should reflect the perspectives of your news agency and therefore should not (and cannot) be unbiased. While a position paper is not required for the Press Corps, we highly suggest researching your news agency beforehand to better prepare for the conference.

# Formats

As a member of the Press Corps at GTMUN, you will investigate and report on the events of the conference in these formats:

- 1) News articles
- 2) Interviews
- 3) Live Updates

These formats are designed to ensure proper information gathering from committees and delegates through different means while challenging Press Delegates to pursue new ideas and hold nations and their delegates accountable.

Additionally, all Press Corps members have the privilege to roam around the conference to observe committee sessions and speak to delegates. However, you should be respectful to all GTMUN staff and avoid distracting the flow of the committee.

# Assignments

During the conference, each member will be responsible for these assignments:

## News Stories

One typed story will be due at the end of Committee Sessions 1, 2, and 3.

### Session 1: Assigned Committee Story

Each agency will be assigned a committee to observe and report on.

### Session 2: Country Focused Story

Each agency will report on the agency's country in different committees.

### Session 3: Conference Report

Each agency will report on the progress of the conference as a whole.

## Requirements

### Stories 1 and 2

- 200 words minimum with pictures
- Interviews with at least three different delegates

### Story 3

- 300 words minimum with pictures
- Interviews with at least four delegates from at least two committees

## Live Updates

The live updates assignment is designed to mimic reports through social media posts (like Twitter/X). Throughout the conference, each reporter is expected to provide live updates to the Dais around every ten to fifteen minutes. The communication method will be announced at the conference.

Consider each update like how you would Tweet as a reporter! In addition to reporting events in committees, call out delegates introducing interesting ideas, or as social media often does so well, call them out on statements that may be controversial, false, or simply does not make any sense. You should also bring out your agency's bias in your updates! However, as always, these live updates must remain respectful of the delegates and committees.

## FunMUN Reporting

This might be unconventional, but we are announcing the FunMUN topic for GTMUN Press Corps before the conference!

### This year's FunMUN topic is **Iconic Moments of GTMUN 2024!**

Throughout the two days of GTMUN, you are encouraged to record various moments that highlight the whimsical and iconic moments of the conference! This report can be in whatever formats you wish to be as long as it is accessible, including traditional news articles, blog posts, vlogs, or short form content, your only objective for this assignment is to capture the iconic moments of GTMUN! During the last session of the conference, you will "report" your moments to the rest of the Press Corps and vote on your favorites!

# Schedule

You are expected to be in the Press Corps area at the beginning of every committee session. During this time, we will further explain assignments and deliver any announcements. Additionally, the Press Corps area should be your primary location to work on your stories and ask questions once you collect enough information and material for your story. Your stories, even submitted through digital means, will only be accepted with an in-person confirmation.

More detailed schedule will be announced at the conference.