

LAIMUN XXX Crisis Position Paper Guidelines

Note: Because of the delay in getting the guidelines on the website, structure and format will be graded with flexibility.

For Research Award and Committee Award consideration, email your position paper (as a PDF file) to your chair by Friday, November 25 at 11:59 PM PT

For Committee Award consideration, email your position paper (as a PDF file) to your chair by Thursday, December 1 at 11:59 PM PT

I. Sections

- A. Background (1 page)
 - 1. Provide relevant historical context
 - 2. Address the multifaceted causes of your topic
 - 3. Explain any recent developments
- B. Character Bio (1-2 pages) (Third Person and Past Tense Preferred)
 - 1. Describe their policy
 - a) Interests, political affiliations, relations with certain main factions.
 - b) For characters that existed, list some of their historical actions during, before, and after the time period
 - c) For characters that are fiction, create a background for the character that makes sense given the information we have provided and the time period
 - 2. Elaborate on potential powers the character has
 - a) People they may know, political power, available resources, etc.
 - 3. Tell us what they're like. We encourage you to be creative (especially if your character is fictional). Have some personality!
- C. Possible Plans and Solutions (1-2 pages) (First Person and Present/Future Tense Preferred)
 - 1. Explain detailed, researched, and creative solutions on how to address the topic from your character's perspective
 - 2. Describe possible character arcs and specifics of what your character hopes to achieve in committee
 - 3. Potential allies inside and outside committee

II. Format

- A. Works Cited
 - 1. Include all sources used to create your paper, even if they are not directly referenced
 - 2. Do not use in-text citations or footnotes
- B. Proper Heading — Include your character and committee name
- C. Times New Roman, 12 pt font

- D. Double spaced
- E. 3 to 5 pages total

III. Papers will be strictly checked for plagiarism; any violations will result in disqualification from awards at LAIMUN XXVII