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## What is SCUSA?

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The United States Military Academy at West Point hosts SCUSA every fall. It is the oldest and largest conference of its type and is attended by approximately 200 undergraduate students from over 125 colleges and universities worldwide. The experiences of SCUSA inspire many delegates to pursue a career in public service. Equally important, the four-day conference provides a foundation for strong civil-military relationships among future leaders in the military and public policy.

### ➤ Venue for New Ideas

Throughout the conference, the student delegates will discuss and debate the impact of past and current events on the national strategy of the United States and work to formulate sound policy recommendations for the United States Government.

### ➤ Unique Interaction with America's Military

While attending SCUSA, delegates will get a unique glimpse into the daily life of the United States Corps of Cadets, future officers in the U.S. Army. Delegates interact with cadets on their roundtables and with West Point's staff and faculty throughout the conference. They will be hosted by cadets in the barracks and dine in the cadet mess hall.

### ➤ Mentorship Beyond the Classroom

SCUSA draws experts from academia and public service to facilitate roundtable discussions and guide delegates in developing a series of policy recommendations for their particular region or topic.

### ➤ Past Distinguished Guest Speakers:

- Secretary Henry Kissinger
- Secretary Madeleine Albright
- Ambassador (later President) George H.W. Bush
- Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller
- His Excellency Boutros Boutros-Ghali

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## Reflections on SCUSA 2017

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"SCUSA 2017 has, by far, been the best experience of my West Point career so far. I was honored and humbled to have the opportunity to meet such amazing and talented individuals who are going to change the world some day."

- CDT Zach Vogel, USMA

"The conference was truly a unique and fulfilling experience. I learned so much from both listening to SCUSA's keynote speakers, panelists, and co-chairs, along with exchanging ideas with other undergraduate students from around the world. The cadets were also incredible hosts and provided the conference with so much energy. I am so glad I had the opportunity to represent Vassar at such an important conference and will certainly be bringing ideas gleaned from SCUSA into my own classrooms."

- Cameron Daddis, Vassar College

"I was extremely impressed by the cadets and other SCUSA students. The discourse and ideas generated were graduate-level. And the guest speakers and keynotes provided excellent content to complement the roundtables."

- Peter Marber, Co-Chair of Global Market Roundtable



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# THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STUDENT CONFERENCE ON U.S. AFFAIRS

WEST POINT, NEW YORK  
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## Cooperation Reimagined: American Influence in an Increasingly Complex World

The George and Carol Olmsted Foundation  
The USMA Class of '71



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## SCUSA70 Roundtable Topics

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### Functional

- Technological Innovations & Increased Communications
- The United Nations, Multilateral Organizations, and the Next 70 Years
- Breaking the Nuclear Taboo
- Migration and Refugees
- Roles and Responsibilities of Multinational Corporations
- Terrorism and Non-State Actors
- Global Health and Bio Security

### Regional

- Europe
- Western Hemisphere
- Middle East and North Africa
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- South and Central Asia
- Indo-Pacific
- China
- Russia



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## SCUSA Sites

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### Website

<http://www.usma.edu/scusa/SitePages/Home.aspx>



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCUSAwp>



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/89592479@N07/>



<https://twitter.com/scusawp>

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## How does SCUSA work?

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### Key Conference Events

#### ➤ October 24

Arrival, registration, welcome, and opening senior panel discussion of the conference theme.

#### ➤ October 25

Roundtable sessions, banquet, and keynote address.

#### ➤ October 26

Roundtable sessions, weapons and equipment interactive display, working roundtable dinner, and student delegate mixer.

#### ➤ October 27

Closing report session and presentation of policy recommendations to a plenary meeting. Delegate departure.

### Preparing for SCUSA

**Prior to the SCUSA conference, delegates should prepare to discuss their roundtable topic as it relates to the conference theme.**

SCUSA70's theme is *"Cooperation Reimagined: American Influence in an Increasingly Complex World."* Amplified by technological innovations and the speed of communications, a widening set of states, organizations, and empowered individuals can shape geopolitics. In the face of their rapid transformation, the post World War II order must adapt. In order to increase the likelihood of achieving preferred outcomes, the United States must assess its roles and those of its allies and partners while redefining global cooperation. Delegates will consider multifaceted, thought-provoking issues that affect the world we know today. Working with students from around the globe, SCUSA70 delegates will tackle problems and recommend innovative ways to reimagine global cooperation given the changing nature of the international system.

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## Important Questions

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### **Q: How do I attend SCUSA?**

**A:** Contact your academic advisor at your college or university to discuss your interest in SCUSA.

### **Q: What is the registration fee & when is payment due?**

**A:** The registration fee is **\$180**. Payment can be made by credit card. Credit card payment will be available on October 1 through [Pay.gov](https://www.pay.gov). SCUSA points of contact will receive the link for the payment site in September. All payments must be made by **October 22**.

### **Q: How do I get to West Point?**

**A: Students pay for their own air or rail transportation.** The SCUSA cadet staff will arrange ground transportation for delegates arriving at **Newark, LaGuardia, and Stewart Airports**, as well as **Croton-Harmon Train Station**. Delegates may also drive to West Point.

### **Q: Where will I stay?**

**A:** Delegates **under 27 years old** will be housed in the cadet barracks at West Point. Unfortunately, legal restrictions prevent us from housing students who are 27 or older on campus, so we kindly ask universities to **send students 26 years old or younger**.

### **Q: What if I am 27 years old or older?**

**A:** You must reserve a room at the IHG Five-Star Hotel on West Point.

<http://www.ihg.com/armyhotels/hotels/us/en/west-point/zywpa/hoteldetail> SCUSA70 **will not** cover the cost of off-campus lodging.

### **Q: How do I prepare for SCUSA?**

**A:** After registering for the conference, delegates will be informed of their roundtable assignments. Delegates should read the theme and roundtable papers provided on the SCUSA website and come prepared to discuss the key issues in their policy or regional area.

### **Q: What is the dress code?**

**A:** Delegates should bring business casual wear for daytime use and casual dinners. They should also bring formal attire for the banquet. Weather in New York is breezy and cool in mid-fall; a warm winter coat is recommended.