
What is SCUSA?

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 100 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.

➤ Challenging Existing Approaches/Developing 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 work together with cadets, forging lasting bonds of friendship and draw upon the incredible skills within each cohort.

➤ 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 table region or topic.

➤ Past Distinguished Guest Speakers:

- Secretary Henry Kissinger
- Secretary Madeleine Albright
- Ambassador Susan Rice
- General Paul Nakasone
- Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield

Reflections on SCUSA

"SCUSA was an incredibly enlightening and powerful experience for us both. The SCUSA conference was one of the most intellectually stimulating experiences of our lives. The opportunity to collaborate and engage with some of the brightest and most well-traveled individuals introduced us to a passionate community of motivated change-makers."

- Liza Patterson & Jackson Price, Skidmore College

"SCUSA was truly incredible. I have attended other conferences and was so impressed at the entire programming vision that the cadets at West Point had designed. SCUSA is unique in that it splits delegates into different groups...and [with] two of the foremost experts in the field to sit down and discuss what informs policy on this issue."

- Sam Collins, Tufts University

"SCUSA provided an environment for me to meet diverse people to discuss topics with other cadets and students as well as explore staffing and planning a large-scale event. It was an incredible opportunity to learn and expand my knowledge on both national and international conflicts and solutions."

- Lillian Brown, SCUSA 72 Commander



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SCUSA 75 Theme **"Securing the Blessings of Liberty": American Foreign Policy in a Multipolar World**

The USMA Class of '71

The George and Carol Olmsted Foundation



SCUSA 75 Roundtable Topics

- The Effects of Multipolarity on Democracy and Democratization
- The US Political System: Can it Manage the Challenges of Multipolarity?
- Multilateral Institutions under Multipolarity: From the UN to the WTO
- How the Diffusion of Global Power Affects Responses to Climate Change
- The US and the Global Economy in a Multipolar World
- US Security Forces and a Military Industrial Complex for a New Global Order
- The Threat and Promise of Technology under Multipolarity
- Prospects for Governing Space in a Multipolar World
- Managing Conflict and Cooperation in the Arctic
- How Multipolarity Affects Russia's External and Domestic Behavior
- China, East Asia and Multipolarity
- Latin America Under Pressures of Multipolarity
- Europe as an Emerging Pole in a Multipolar World
- The Effect of Multipolarity on Conflict in the Middle East
- Africa: Managing the Threats and Opportunities of Multipolarity



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How does SCUSA work?

Key Conference Events

➤ October 2

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

➤ October 3

Roundtable sessions, group fitness event, and delegate social.

➤ October 4

Roundtable sessions, weapons and equipment interactive display, Keynote Banquet and Address.

➤ October 5

Closing presentation of policy recommendations. Delegate departure.

Preparing for SCUSA

Prior to the SCUSA conference, delegates prepare to discuss their roundtable topic as it relates to the conference theme. The SCUSA staff will publish table papers to assist in initiating discussion on the assigned topic.

SCUSA 75's theme is “**Securing the Blessings of Liberty: American Foreign Policy in a Multipolar World.**”

The use of the term “multipolar world” is inappropriate because the United States remains the most powerful state in terms of military and economic strength as well as global influence. Yet it seems increasingly clear that other powers, from China and Russia to “middle powers” such as India and Turkey, represent challenges to American leadership that suggest “unbalanced multipolarity” rather than “unipolarity” or “bipolarity.” The concept of multipolarity has significant implications for US foreign policy, particularly how Washington grapples with the core problem of aligning ends, ways, and means. In what ways should the United States address the growth of significant constraints on its global and regional power? How, if at all, should it revise its commitment to democratization around the world? Should the United States share more of its power and authority with allies and neutral states, particularly as a method to better confront its adversaries? And how will multipolarity impact US attempts to bolster the national and global economy?

Important Questions

The Information below applies to One To World delegates.

Q: What is the registration fee & payment due?

A: The SCUSA fee is **\$300**. This fee covers the registration fee, round-trip transportation from NYC, accommodations, and most meals. Delegates are responsible for any spending money they may require for souvenirs, perhaps one meal, and snacks. Conference fees will only be charged to those who are selected. NOTE: Possible scholarships are available.

Q: Where will I stay?

A: Delegates will be housed in cadet barracks and must adhere to barracks policies during the conference.

Q: What if I am 27 years old or older during the conference?

A: Students who are 27 years old during the conference will not be accepted due to legal restrictions preventing us from housing students who are 27 or older on campus. No exceptions will be made for any reason.

Q: How do I prepare for SCUSA?

A: Delegates will be informed of their roundtable assignments after registering for the conference. 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. Weather in New York is breezy and cool in mid-fall; We recommend that you bring a warm winter coat and an umbrella.



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<https://www.onetoworld.org>