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

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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
SCUSA 74 Roundtable Topics
➢ Facing the Challenge of Climate Change
➢ Authoritarian and Democratic Political Institutions Around the World
➢ The Politics and Economics of Space
➢ International Institutions and the Global Order
➢ Tackling Human Distress through Innovation
➢ Ensuring National and Global Economic Growth through Innovation
➢ The Threat and Promise of Innovative Technologies
➢ The Role of Innovation in US Military Affairs
➢ Latin America (includes Central and South America)
➢ Sub-Saharan Africa
➢ Russia and Eurasia: Blunting Moscow’s Invasion
➢ China and the Pacific
➢ Europe: Domestic Challenges and External Aggression
➢ Middle East: Framing a Coherent Policy Toward Key Players
➢ The Arctic: Managing the Scramble for Influence

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How does SCUSA work?

Key Conference Events
➢ November 1
Arrival, registration, welcome, and opening senior panel discussion of the conference theme.
➢ November 2
Roundtable sessions, group fitness event, and delegate social.
➢ November 3
Roundtable sessions, weapons and equipment interactive display, Keynote Banquet and Address.
➢ November 4
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 74’s theme is "Innovation and the Future of American Foreign Policy" How can the United States innovate to tackle pressing challenges of domestic and foreign policy? How will American institutions promote innovation to support democracy and economic development at home while bolstering American soft and hard power abroad? How effectively will America’s international partners—and America’s competitors—employ emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, advanced manufacturing, and renewable energy, to advance competing visions of the future? Technology is not the only factor driving as well as facilitating innovation. Private sector entities, governmental departments and agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and multilateral institutions operate in demanding and dynamic political, social, and economic contexts. Advancing American interests and values in a competitive global environment will require innovative organizations, approaches, and practices. The 15 roundtables of SCUSA 74 will discuss how innovation may occur and how the presence or absence of change will affect American values and interests in the coming decades.

Important Questions
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 & payment due?
A: The registration fee is $175 ($200 after October 2nd). Payment can be made by credit card. SCUSA points of contact will receive a link for the registration site in early September. Payments must be made by October 20.

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 or Garrison Train Stations. Delegates may also drive to West Point.

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.