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Dr. Osman Gültekin is the UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diplomacy, Governance and Education and Director of International Relations at Istanbul Aydın University. With over two decades of professional experience and a Ph.D. in Political Science, he has guided thousands of students in global education and diplomacy. As the author of the Education and Power series, Dr. Gültekin continues to inspire young leaders to foster dialogue, understanding and peace across cultures.





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IAUMUN

WHO
ARE
WE?

The IAUMUN Club at Istanbul Aydın University gathers a team that holds years of experience and dedication to the field of Model of United Nations (MUN) and diplomatic conference organizations, promoting global engagement and diplomacy. Our mission is to empower students to discuss critical issues through free speech aligned with UNESCO's goals of peace and development.

Under Dr. Osman Gültekin, UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diplomacy, Governance and Education, we have established high standards in our conferences and are committed to continuing this legacy for our 2026 event.



WHAT IS MUN?

Model United Nations (MUN) is a simulation where students represent UN member states in committees like UNSC (United Nations Security Council) or UNESCO. Participants develop skills in research, public speaking, and critical thinking while tackling variety of agendas such as conflict, cultural heritage, climate change and gender issues. MUN fosters collaboration and helps students become informed and participant global citizens.

TARGETED AUDIENCE



DIPLOMATIC ADVOCATES AND MUN FIRST TIMERS

This program aims to gather people who are fervent about global issues such as human rights and environmental sustainability. The program arms them with the tools and strategies to advocate for change on the international stage effectively and prepares them to Model United Nations experience.



EXPERIENCED MUN DIPLOMATS

This program will help students excel in multicultural settings. People who have knowledge and experience in the field of Model United Nations, the program helps them endow theoretical bases of global issues and gives chance to practice what they learn in their debates.



CULTURAL NAVIGATORS

This program aims to drive people that are enthusiastic about exploring diverse cultures. The students excel their intercultural competence development skills in multicultural settings. The program facilitates meaningful connections and promotes cross-cultural understanding through immersive experiences.

UN WOMEN

In conflict, women often bear the heaviest burdens, especially in Palestine. Delegates will examine the unique challenges faced by Palestinian women, including limited access to healthcare, education and political participation, amid systemic violence. By combining empathy and strategic thinking, they must develop solutions to protect their rights and dignity.

US GOVERNMENT

The US Government faces unprecedented tensions after the assassination of political pundit Charlie Kirk. In this committee, delegates will represent the House and Senate, debating while balancing party loyalty and independent judgment. Are you ready to step into the chamber?

JCC (Joint Crisis Committee)

Iran's first democratically elected Prime Minister, Mohammad Mosaddegh, aimed to nationalize oil and promote sovereignty, but Western powers, especially the UK and US, feared losing control. In this committee, delegates will act as operatives for both sides, navigating a complex geopolitical landscape through strategy and secrecy. They must address conflicting interests and ethical dilemmas while debating the future of Iran.

OUR COMMITTEES



UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)

UNESCO's Mission to preserve culture is threatened by government policies that enforce forced assimilation for national unity. Delegates will examine the moral and political implications of cultural erasure, human rights, and state authority over identity.

UNSC (United Nations Security Council)

The United Nations Security Council wields immense authority over international affairs, where delegates face a "Battle for Sovereignty." As crises unfold, survival hinges on balancing cooperation and independence. Secret diplomacy plays a key role, with the true nature of the crisis known only to the Council.

DISEC (Disarmament & International Security Committee)

After years of devastating conflict, Sudan faces the challenge of rebuilding trust among former warring factions amid a fragile peace. In DISEC, delegates will confront the complexities of demilitarization, focusing on justice, security, and political inclusion. Can you transform Sudan's fragile stability into lasting peace?

OUR COMMITTEES



SOCHUM (Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Committee)

After years of brutal conflict, Syria faces the immense challenge of rebuilding social cohesion amid deep divisions and displacement. In SOCHUM, delegates will address the complexities of reconciliation, human rights, and post-war recovery. Can you help transform Syria's fractured society into a foundation for lasting peace?

ECOFIN (Economic and Financial Affairs Council)

Facilitating Infrastructure Development and Economic Reconstruction in Post-Revolution Nepal Promises of reform and democracy once ignited hopes of progress in Nepal after the revolution. Yet years of instability have left the nation economically fragile, burdened by rural poverty and infrastructural decay. Delegates must explore the economic foundations of posrevolutionary recovery. Can prosperity rise from the remnants of revolution?

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As the conference reaches its decisive stage, the General Assembly convenes to deliberate on the resolutions shaped within each committee. Delegates will debate, amend, and define the outcomes that will determine the future of these global issues. Can you lead the discourse that shapes the collective voice of nations and sets the course for lasting change?

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ENIGMA OF THE UNTRACEABLE

2025's Valentine's weekend disaster marks the return of our signature committee, as IAUMUN faces new turmoil with mysteriously vanishing funds. Is it sabotage or an inside job? Detectives must uncover the truth using clues, ruling out red herrings and interrogating suspects. Will you trust your instincts to crack the Enigma?

AFAD (İL AFET VE ACİL DURUM MÜDÜRLÜĞÜ)

AFAD is a government agency under the Ministry of Interior responsible for managing disasters and emergencies across Turkey. It was established in 2009 to unify all disaster-related work under one national authority, replacing separate organizations that previously handled earthquakes, civil defense, and emergency response.



PROGRAM GOALS



- **This program enhances knowledge of International Relations and Foreign Policies**
- **This program explores global values and their influence globally**
- **This program develops intercultural communication skills and competence**
- **This program aims to foster how to understand and apply key theories in international relations**

- **The program empowers youth to envision and create a more peaceful and sustainable world through education, dialogue and action**
- **This program helps the students in gaining skills in public speaking, leadership and teamwork through MUN simulations, preparing youth for global governance and diplomacy challenges**
- **This program enhances analyse the role of cultural diplomacy and various power types in global politics**

PROGRAM CONTENT



Theoretical and Academic

- Introduction to Peace and Diplomacy
- Global & European Values
- Intercultural Communication
- Intercultural Competence Development
- International Relations Theories
- Foreign Policy Analysis & Power Types
- Public Diplomacy & Cultural Diplomacy

UN Experience and Simulation

- Diplomatic Discourse and Debate Strategies
- Crafting Compelling Position Papers
- Building Consensus and Collaborative Diplomacy
- Empathy and Cultural Identity in Global Discourse
- Negotiation Tactics and Crisis Navigation



Program Agenda 2026

JAN 18th-21st IAUMUN BOOTCAMP

JAN 22nd- 25th IAUMUN CONFERENCE

INTERCULTURAL INTEGRATION WORKSHOP



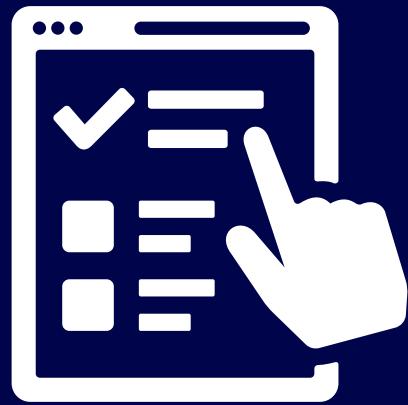
Our program's intercultural workshops foster dialogue, collaboration and understanding among participants from diverse backgrounds.

Through activities like conflict resolution, storytelling and peace education discussions, participants develop practical skills to navigate cultural differences and build meaningful connections. Promoting empathy and global citizenship, the program empowers participants to become agents of positive change in an interconnected world.



PROJECT SURVEY

During all of our programs, we conduct surveys with program participants. These surveys provide crucial insights at different stages, helping us refine the program for maximum impact.



Pre-Program

Gathering participants' expectations and goals to tailor the program to their needs.



Post-Program

Evaluating overall impact and satisfaction, measuring how well the program met participants' goals.

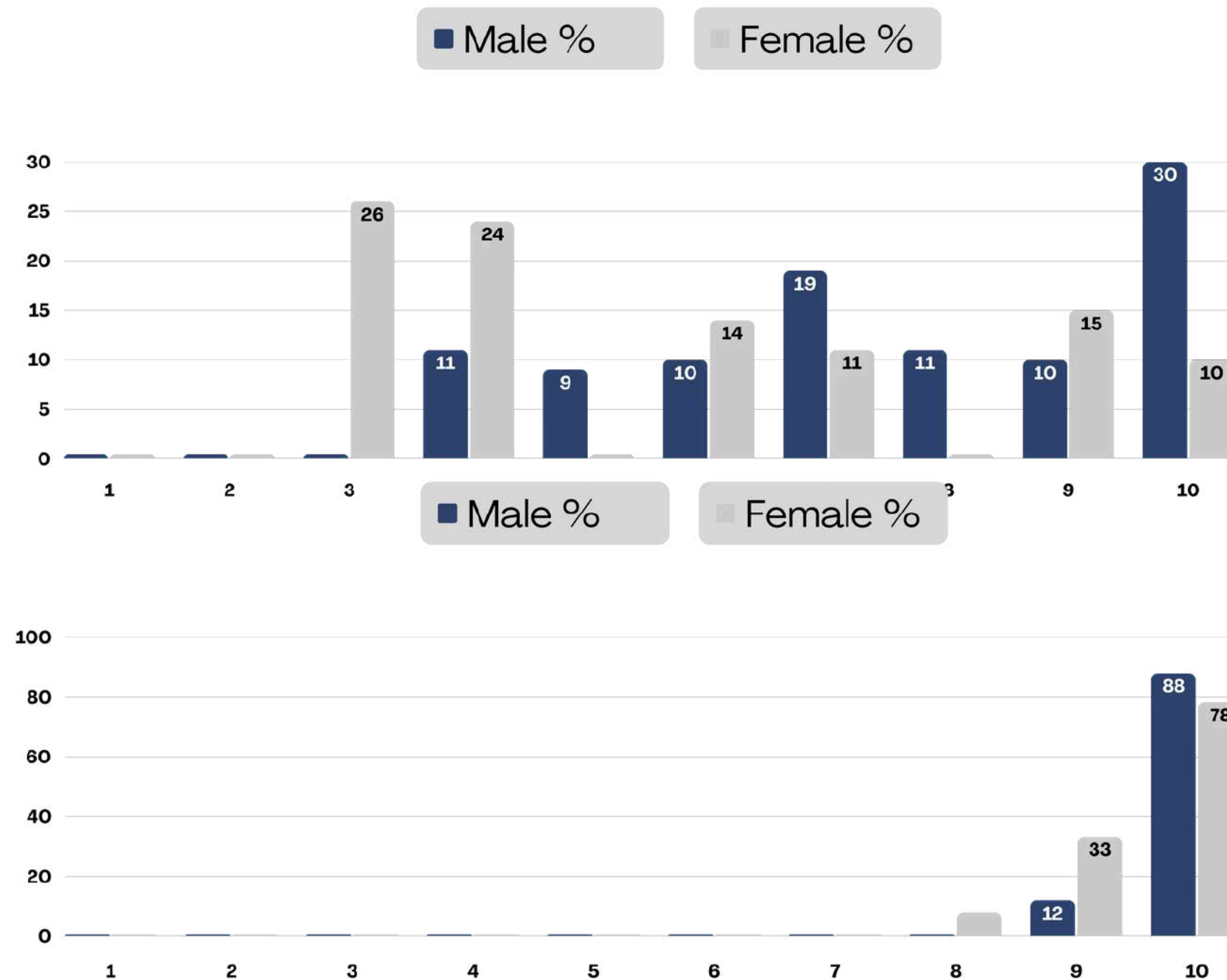
PROGRAM RESULTS AND FINDINGS

The survey results from our previous program reveal a notable positive shift in participants' perspectives from pre- to post-program. This significant change highlights the program's effectiveness in transforming views and deepening understanding and showcasing its substantial impact.



CHANGE IN PERSPECTIVE TOWARDS DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

- In the Pre-Program survey, most participants did not recognise diversity as a valuable aspect of society.
- Conversely, the Post-Program survey showed that 90% of participants strongly agreed that diversity enriches society.



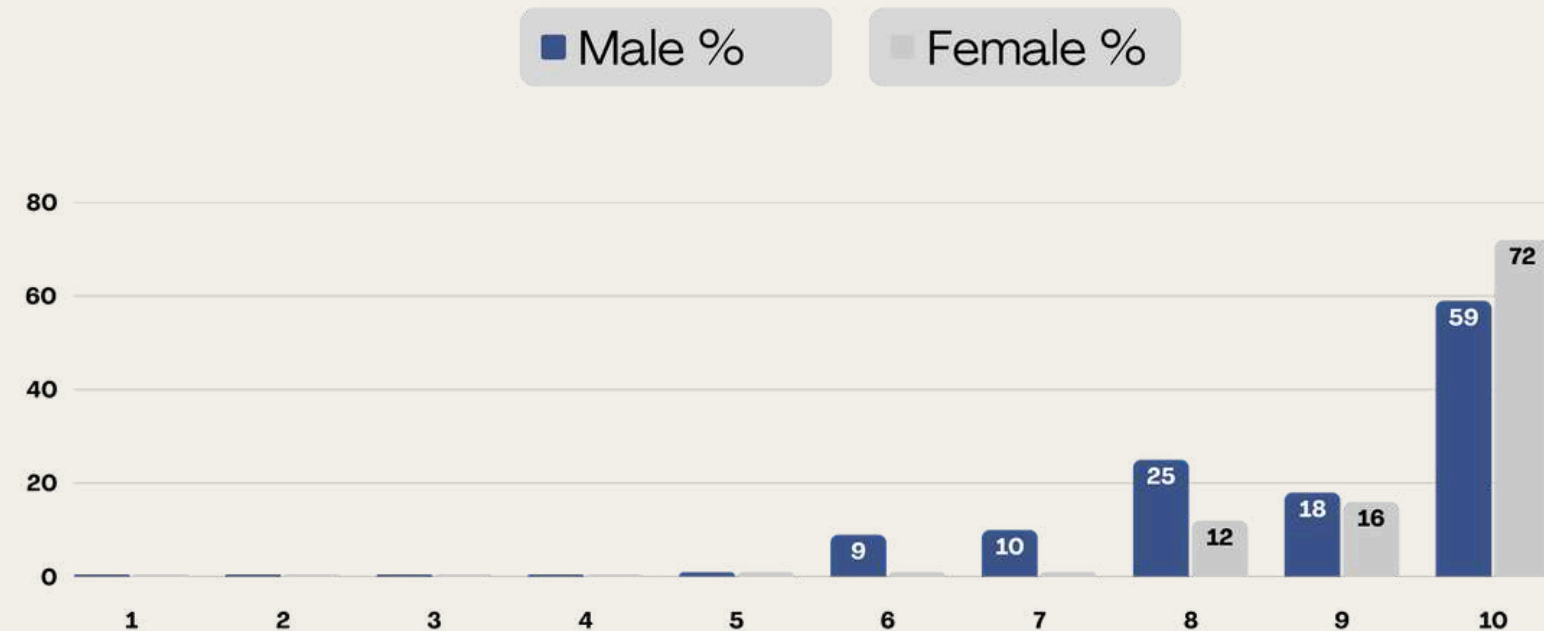
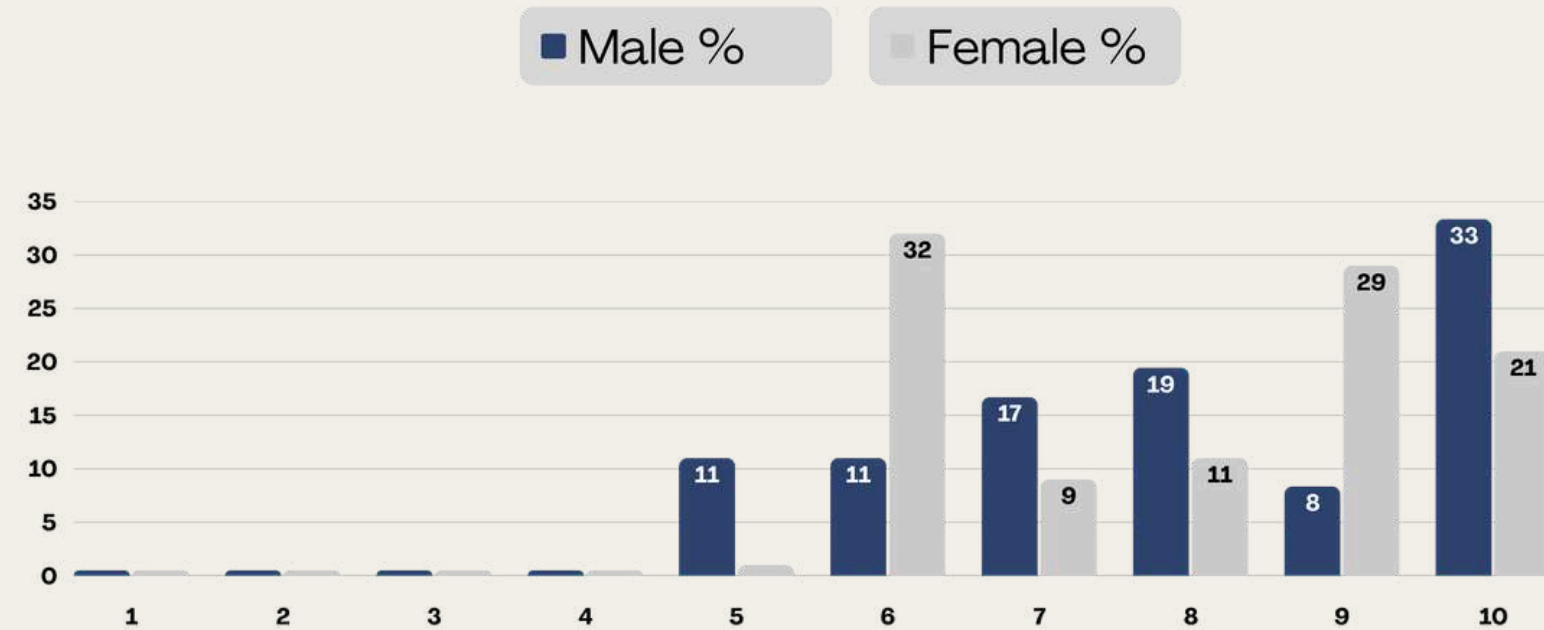
FAMILIARITY REGARDING INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- We noted an increase in participants' knowledge and familiarity with international organizations, such as the UN, UNESCO and WHO. Additionally, many expressed an interest in joining and becoming involved with these organizations.



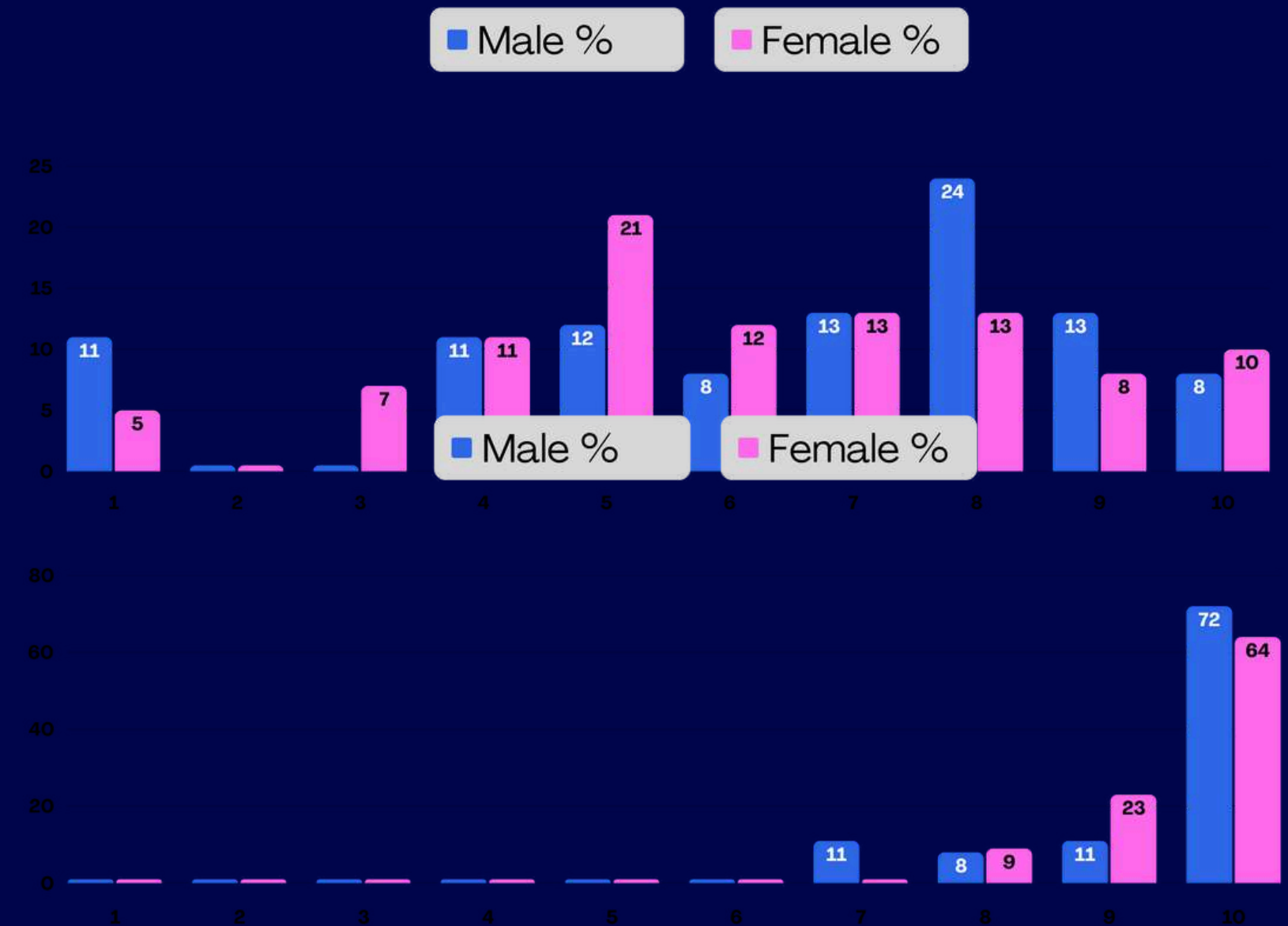
CHANGE IN UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL ISSUES

- The Pre-Program survey indicated that participants had a limited understanding of International Relations and Global Issues.
- In contrast, the Post-Program survey revealed a notable increase in their knowledge of these subjects.



SHIFT IN WILLINGNESS TO CHALLENGE OWN CULTURAL BIASES AND STEREOTYPES WHEN ENGAGING WITH DIFFERENT CULTURAL NORMS AND PRACTICES

- The program's greatest achievement was helping participants challenge their cultural biases and stereotypes. This transformation encourages open-mindedness, enabling them to navigate and respect global differences more effectively. It underscores the program's role in fostering true intercultural understanding and promoting positive attitudes toward diversity.



PARTICIPANT SATISFACTION



- **We are proud to announce a 100% satisfaction rate for our program, with all participants willing to recommend it to others. This unanimous feedback highlights the program's exceptional quality and impact, showcasing participants' strong support and enthusiasm. Their readiness to recommend the program demonstrates its success in meeting and exceeding expectations, affirming the valuable and transformative experience it offers.**

AND MORE....

- 24/7 Support
- UNESCO powered MUN conference
- Study Materials
- Group Activities
- Team-Building Exercises
- Cultural Exchange
- Welcome & Farewell Events
- On-Campus Facilities
- Local Transportation Assistance

- Field Trips
- Practical Training Sessions
- Skill-Building Activities
- Library Access
- Sports & Recreational Activities
- Photography & Media Coverage
- Academic Mentorship
- Digital Resource Access
- Public Speaking Sessions

PARTICIPANT ACCOMMODATION

Participants will stay in shared segregated accommodations that provide essential amenities, including beds, hot showers, a gym, a common area, a lounge and a cafeteria. Breakfast will be included daily. The location of the accommodation is right next to the university campus.



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