

UVU Students at the 70th Commission on the Status of Women

On March 10, 2026, Political Science students from the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals class (POLIS-3640) virtually participated in the 70th Commission of the Status of Women UN Parallel Event.



UVU Students and instructor pose for group photo at CSW70

The event was thoroughly planned and executed by students. Political Science students led in fronts such as hosting, logistics, and broadcasting. Under the mentorship of Dr. Baktybek Abdrysaev, the event closely followed Utah Valley University's Student-Engaged Learning model, which pushes for student-centric and student-driven participation and engagement in both local and national events that foster cooperation and networking.

Student statements centered around the accessibility of legal protection and justice for women and girls. Presenters provided research-based suggestions for sustainable mountain development and legal protection for women based on their different research on various mountainous countries. Some of the countries used as case studies included Honduras, Bolivia, Kyrgyzstan, Greece, Nepal, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and others.



Political Science student João Petter speaking on the issues facing mountainous women in Bolivia at CSW70

In summary, the CSW 70 was a high-level diplomatic opportunity for students at Utah Valley University to show competency and fluency in the sustainable development cause. Closely aligned with the United Nations goals for nations and vulnerable demographics, students provided real-world expertise on issues affecting mountainous communities across different regions of the world.

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