



WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL
of Philadelphia

Student Diplomat Program Jr. Model United Nations



2019-20 Program Calendar

September 2019	<p>Monday, September 23 Registration Opens (NOTE: Program spots are available on a first come, first serve basis.)</p>
October 2019	<p>Friday, October 25 Registration Closes</p>
November 2019	<p>Friday, November 22 Faculty Advisors receive confirmed program dates and students' Jr. Model United Nations country and committee assignments.</p>
December 2019	<p>Monday, December 2 Middle School Faculty Welcome Back Program (Featuring Samantha Power, former UN Ambassador, at Girard College)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Under the direction of a faculty adviser and/or mentor, students begin to research their assigned country and review key concepts related to cultural diplomacy. Students complete the 'Everyone Has a Culture' worksheet & Photo Release Forms.</i>
January 2020	<p>*Cultural Diplomacy Conference: January 8 or January 10 Students and faculty advisers attend the Cultural Diplomacy Conference at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, where they explore how their unique cultural backgrounds influence their lives and perceptions of the world around them.</p>
February 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Under the direction of a faculty adviser and/or mentor, students learn about the structure and function of the United Nations.</i> • <i>Students begin to conduct research on one of the committee topics from the perspective of their assigned country, using briefing papers, online resources and other curriculum materials provided by the Council.</i>
March 2020	<p>*Prep Conference: Thursday, March 5 or Friday, March 6 Students and faculty advisers attend the Jr. Model United Nations Prep Conference at Temple University. Students participate in both expert topic briefing sessions as well as resolution writing workshops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Students, in their country and committee groupings, begin to synthesize their research by writing (optional) position papers, explaining their country's position on one of the assigned committee topics.</i>
April 2020	<p>Position Paper Deadline: Friday, April 3 Faculty advisers submit students' (optional) position papers via Google Drive using Council templates and resources.</p>
May 2020	<p>Resolution Deadline: Friday, May 1 Using background research outlined in their (optional) position papers and their newly acquired resolution writing skills, students – in their country and committee groupings – draft final policy resolutions addressing potential solutions to their assigned committee topic. Faculty advisers and/or mentors review final resolutions and submit to Council staff via Google Drive.</p> <p>Final Resolutions Available: Thursday, May 7 Council staff select and publish final resolutions for each committee. Students review drafts of final resolutions and practice public speaking and amendment writing skills in preparation for the Final Conference.</p> <p>*Final Conference: Thursday, May 14 or Friday, May 15 Students and faculty advisers attend the Jr. Model United Nations Final Conference at Temple University, where they present, debate, amend and vote on final resolutions aimed at improving the lives of people around the world.</p>

***Note to Teachers:** Once your participation is confirmed, please refer to your student assignments document for your assigned program dates.