



WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL

of Philadelphia

2023 Summer Global Leadership Seminar: Geopolitics of Water

The **Summer Global Leadership Seminar** is a week-long summer institute open to all rising **high school sophomores, juniors and seniors** interested in global affairs, public policy, and current events. Each year, program organizers select a unique topic of study and provide interactive workshops, lessons, and activities to broaden understanding. Learning is supported by nonpartisan expert speaker lectures, and local and national organizations who provide depth and context for the topic at hand. Activities include a formal debate, a 'crisis simulation' where students role-play world leaders reacting to ongoing crises relevant to the topic, and optional after program field trips or continued learning roundtable discussions. On the Seminar's fifth-day, students will have the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C to meet with experts at government institutions, think tanks, and nonprofit organizations.

Day 1: Monday, July 10, 2023

Introductions to Staff, Students, and Overview of Program Topic

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Arrival Students arrive at the World Affairs Council's Office
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Morning Meeting - Welcome, Introduction, and Preview of the Week's Activities World Affairs Council of Philadelphia staff and interns greet students and introduce the weeklong program. Students participate in an introductory office Scavenger Hunt to get them introduced to the mission and history of the World Affairs Council.
9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Icebreaker Activity Students partake in a short icebreaker activity as an introduction to this year's cohort.
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Activity – Analyzing Political Cartoons Students will learn a brief history of the use of political cartoons, review their key elements and analyze various political cartoons related to water related issues and themes we will discuss during the program week.
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch Break
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Activity – Case Studies Students explore historical and contemporary instances of water crises ranging in topics related to climate change, pollution, and national sovereignty.

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Daily Wrap-up

Opportunity for questions and group reflection on the day's topics. Review agenda for tomorrow's site visit to Philly Water Works.

Day 2: Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Understanding Natural and Urban Water Cycles

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Arrival and Morning Meeting – Debrief from Yesterday and Preview of Today's Activities

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Debate Prep

Students work in their assigned debate teams to craft their formal debate statements based on their research and prepare responses to potential arguments presented by the opposing team.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

In-Transit (walking) to Fairmount Water Works and Lunch Break

Council Staff and students enjoy an outdoor lunch and brief walking tour of Benjamin Franklin Parkway on the way to Fairmount Water Works.

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Activity - *Fairmount Water Works Guided Tour & "We Drink the River" Outdoor Workshop*

The mission of the Fairmount Water Works is to foster stewardship of our shared water resources by encouraging informed decisions about the use of land and water. In a hands-on workshop, students will discover the history of our city's water supply system and make connections between the natural and urban water cycles. Participants will conduct chemical testing on a real-time sample of river water and view microscopic life from the river under microscopes.

Note: This activity involves walking & being outdoors and runs rain or shine; it is advised to watch the weather and plan appropriately.

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

In-Transit (walking) to World Affairs Council

Travel back to the World Affairs Council office. Opportunity for questions and group reflection on the day's topics. Review agenda for tomorrow and what students should have prepared.

Note: Parents also have the option to have students picked up at Fairmount Water Works at 1:30 p.m.

Day 3: Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Continued Learning & Focus on Building Public Speaking Skills (Water and Water Management in Philadelphia: Cobbs Creek Stakeholder Forum and Policy Debate)

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Morning Meeting – Debrief from Yesterday and Preview of Today's Activities

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Expert Speaker Activity – *Cobbs Creek Stakeholder Forum*

Jazmin Ricks, Senior Research & Community Program Manager University of Pennsylvania, Water Center

Students will simulate a real-life case study of the Philadelphia Cobbs Creek golf course and park by participating in a stakeholder forum. The forum centers around plans to renovate the course and park for a major PGA tournament. Stakeholders must agree on a path forward and next steps for how to work together to make sure that all voices are heard.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Activity - <i>Debate</i> Students engage in a formal debate program centered around the question “ <i>Is the privatization of water utilities effective in countries and communities across the world?</i> ” Students are tasked with creating opening statements, rebuttals, and closing statements. A panel of judges will ultimately determine the winning team who most effectively works together and argues their side of the debate’s central question.
12:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Crisis Simulation Prep Students continue researching their assigned role for the Crisis Simulation and finalize any preparation for Thursday.
1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Daily Wrap-up Opportunity for questions and group reflection on the day’s topics. Complete pre-program survey & finalize questions for tomorrow’s Pulitzer Center speaker briefing.

Day 4: Thursday, July 13, 2023

Geopolitics of Water: Analyzing War and Conflict through Crisis Reporting and Roleplaying

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Morning Meeting – Debrief from Yesterday and Preview of Today’s Activities
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Expert Speaker Briefing (Virtual) – Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting <i>Ann Neumann, Author, Journalist, & Grantee, Pulitzer Center</i> The Pulitzer Center raises awareness of underreported global issues through direct support for quality journalism across all media platforms and a unique program of education and public outreach. Journalist and Pulitzer Center grantee Ann Neumann will join us virtually to discuss her work reporting on war and water in Africa.
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Crisis Simulation – <i>Suez Canal Crisis: National Sovereignty Versus International Access to Waterways</i> Utilizing their research, one-on-one negotiation skills, and a newly acquired understanding of key issues, students work together to create solutions to the historical international crisis, the Suez Crisis of 1956. Students will play the role of officials from key countries around the world and navigate the historic Suez Canal crisis, centering on issues of national sovereignty, the promotion of free trade, national spheres of influence, and global conflicts.
12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch Break

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Daily Wrap-up

Opportunity for questions and group reflection on the day's topics. Review details about Friday's field trip to Washington, D.C. and go over what to bring.

Day 5: Friday, July 14, 2023

Trip to Washington D.C.

Agenda (Note: Activities are subject to change, depending on availability)

6:30 a.m.

Students Arrive at World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

One Penn Center, 1617 JFK Blvd., Philadelphia PA 19103

7:00 a.m.

Bus Departs from Philadelphia, PA (Board at 6:45 a.m.)

7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

In-Transit via Charter Bus

Philadelphia, PA to Washington, D.C

10:00 a.m.

Arrive at Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Begin Security Screening

Woodrow Wilson Plaza between 12th and 14th Streets and Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues NW

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Briefing at EPA

11:30 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Lunch at Ronald Regan Building Food Court (Lower Level)

12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

In-Transit (Walking) EPA to National Museum of American History

12:30 p.m.

Arrive at National Museum of American History

14th St NW & Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

National Museum of American History (Self-guided visit time)

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

In-Transit (Walking) National Museum of American History to National Museum of American Diplomacy

2:30 p.m.

Arrive at National Museum of American Diplomacy

330 21st St NW

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Tour of NMAD Headquarters Exhibits

3:30 p.m.

Depart Washington, D.C.

3:30 – 6:30 p.m.*

In-Transit via Charter Bus (*Exact arrival time depends on traffic)

Washington, D.C. to Philadelphia, PA

(Bus picks group up at National Museum of American Diplomacy)

6:30 p.m.*

Arrive in Philadelphia, PA

6:30 p.m.*

Parent pick ups

One Penn Center, 1617 JFK Blvd., Philadelphia PA 19103

****Tentative arrival back in Philadelphia entirely dependent on traffic and other conditions.***