

What is Model UN?

The Model UN is a simulation of the principal organs of the United Nations (i.e., UN General Assembly, Security Council and ECOSOC).

The program is designed to educate individuals about the activities of the UN, including current events, pressing international issues, the basics of international law, and diplomatic protocol and procedures.



United Nations Headquarters in New York City.



Model UN



CMU students pay their respects and show their pride during a visit to the **National September 11 Memorial & Museum** while taking a break from the 2014 National Model UN Conference in New York City.

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Model United Nations at Central Michigan University



Opening ceremony of the 2014 National Model United Nations Conference in New York.



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CMU students represent Italy at the National Model United Nations in New York.

Conference Activities

When students serve as delegates during national Model UN conferences, they will participate in formal and informal caucusing (debate), negotiate with other representatives, and write resolutions or amendments.

The students take on the full role of delegates of the countries that they represent and must vote and negotiate according to that country's positions on various issues.



CMU students pose with their Distinguished Delegation award in the Great Hall of the General Assembly at the 2014 National Model UN Conference in New York. CMU partnered with 10 students from Japan Model UN in 2014.

Preparation Courses

To prepare for national Model UN conferences, CMU students participate in a course taught by a professor from the Department of Political Science and Public Administration.

This course is designed to provide students with an orientation to the activities of the United Nations, as well as foster an understanding of the protocol and procedures of international diplomacy.

At the beginning of the semester, CMU students are assigned a country to research and represent at a national Model UN conference, such as the National Model United Nations in New York or the American Model United Nations in Chicago.

The student delegates spend time researching both the country they are representing at the simulation and that country's position on issues that are currently on the agenda of the UN.

In order to prepare themselves to act as diplomats at the conference, students draft speeches and position papers, learn the parliamentary rules and procedures that are practiced at the UN, and hold practice simulations.



Practice simulations with Japan Model UN in class.



Students listen to fellow delegates during formal debate at the 2014 National Model United Nations in New York.

Benefits to Students

Students who participate in the Model UN program learn valuable skills in public speaking, debate, critical thinking and dispute resolution.

The discussions and resolutions that they work through with other delegates during the Model UN conferences are unpredictable, challenging and rewarding.

By adopting the role of another country, the students earn experience in international relations that enables them to view important issues through a new perspective.



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