# *NUAMES Model United Nations Club*

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*What is Model United Nations?*

Model United Nations is an authentic simulation of the U.N. General Assembly and other multilateral bodies. Once a team has registered for a conference, it receives a country to represent. Each student on that team will represent that country in a different committee with different topics. For example, a high school could be assigned China and have different students representing China in the disarmament committee, the human rights committee, the development committee, and so forth. Schools with larger teams will receive additional countries.

*What does a Model United Nations student do?*

MUN students actively research, debate, and problem‐solve, and write proposals on world issues while simulating the committees of the real United Nations.  They also attend travel conferences to compete against other students and schools from all over the world.  At Spring Valley High School, our MUN students have traveled internationally and hosted international exchange students for several weeks.

*How will Model United Nations benefit me?*

The public speaking, research, writing, critical thinking, problem solving, diplomatic, and leadership skills, not to mention the knowledge students gain in world affairs can have a positive impact on a student’s readiness for college and careers.  Additionally, MUN can make students stand out to colleges and scholarship committees.  The MUN experience also promotes cultural diversity and fosters a deeper understanding of the interconnected, global society in which we live.

*When does Model United Nations meet?*

MUN class meets Mondays and Tuesdays  after school for about one hour at least until first conference, at MUN conferences, and other practices as needed.

*What is the cost?*

At this time, NUAMES expects to pay conference fees while we expect participants to pay individual registration fees. For example, the registration fee for the November 7th BYU conference is $15.

*Possible MUN Conferences*

                BYU, November 7

                Weber, March 22 (here in Layton!)

UU, April Sometime

*What is expected?*

You’ll need to attend weekly practices either Monday or Tuesday to learn how to prepare.  Those practices will include learning Robert’s Rules of Order, how to write Position Papers and Resolutions, how to participate in a Parliamentary system, how to engage in debate, and speaking skills.   You will also need to conduct research on your country once assigned.

*How do I prepare?*

Once we have received our country assignment, committee, and topics, we’ll need to prepare. The conference will provide a Background Guide or Topic Synopsis that introduces the topics, that will help up to prepare

There are typically three products to prepare before conferences: the Position Paper (sometimes called a Policy Statement), an Opening Speech, and a Research Binder. Sometimes Country Profile are also required.

The other document to learn is how to write a Resolution since that is the primary goal of the committee sessions.