



High School Model UN with Civitas (For 2026-2027 school year)

Before the General Assembly Session:

1. **Let Civitas know which Model UN session you/your group wants to attend by Wednesday, October 7 (before the October 10 country draft!).**

We are planning 3 in-person sessions on **Saturday, Nov. 21, Saturday, December 5, and Saturday, December 12**. Each session will be 9:00 am until 1:00 pm and all at Webster University in Browning Auditorium. Each school chooses one session to attend. You can email Stephanie your session preference at gavinstephanie89@gmail.com or text/call her at 314-397-6158.

2. **Encourage and remind students of deadlines.**

Teachers do not need to attend the Country Draft or Model UN session/sessions their students attend, although they are welcome. We always plan a fun activity before drafting countries.

3. **Make a country wish list.**

Students should come up with at least two countries they would like to represent at the MUN session, preferably before the country draft. Students may represent a country solo or with one or two/three other students. Each country gets only one vote at the actual MUN session, so if students work together, they will need to collaborate and agree on voting at the session.

4. **Register and attend the country draft. (Location this year will be at Crossroads College Prep)**

Sat., Oct. 10, 2026 is the date of this year's country draft, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. If possible, at least one member from your group should attend and register for the draft on our website, show up about 15 minutes early; confer with the other delegates from their school (if they haven't already pre-selected a few nations) about which countries they'd like to represent; and then we draw school names from a hat, and everyone gets to pick their countries in the order drawn. We will also review resources on the Civitas website, including resolution-writing information, at the country draft. If your group is too far away to attend the country draft, a list of countries can be sent to Stephanie at gavinstephanie89@gmail.com.

5. **Research country.**

Once the draft is complete and countries are assigned to your school, students select the ones they want to represent. Students don't need to know everything about their country, but the more they know the better. They should know enough to be comfortable playing the role of ambassador to the U.N. They should know where their country is on a map, who their allies & foes are, what the latest news is, as well as cultural traditions of their country. There are question worksheets in the delegate handbook to get them started, if interested.

6. **Write a resolution/preview resolutions for the session (optional but strongly encouraged).**

A resolution should address a current human rights violation, an economic concern, and/or a political problem, either in a student's country or another country. If students are representing countries that are fairly stable, politically and economically, it is best to write a resolution addressing a problem outside of their country. A Civitas staff member can meet with a school class or club for a resolution-writing help session, or students can write a resolution on their own using samples in the delegate handbook and our on-line resources at www.civitas-stl.com. We are having an optional **Resolution Writing Workshop this year on Saturday, November 7** from 10:00 am until noon at Crossroads College Preparatory School ([500 DeBaliviere Ave., 63112](https://www.google.com/maps/place/500+DeBaliviere+Ave.,+St+Louis,+MO+63112)). Submit resolutions by sending them via email to Stephanie in an attachment or in the email body. Any

resolutions submitted will be posted online before the session for all delegates to preview. **Resolutions must be submitted by noon the Thursday before the Saturday MUN session.** It takes a while to format them and send them off for printing in time to be picked up on Friday. Students can also send a resolution draft to us via email early for feedback/questions before submitting a final one. We prefer resolutions to be in the format of examples in the delegate handbook and resolutions archives on our website.

7. Officially Sign Up to Attend the Model U.N. Session.

The actual Model U.N. sessions this year will be three different dates on **Saturday, November 21; Saturday, December 5; and Saturday, December 12.** There is a limit of (approximately) 20 students from one school at any one session, so if your school has more students than 20 who want to participate, they should divide into two separate sessions. **All delegates must sign up on the Civitas website before their session, even if they are sharing a country.** They must know which country they are representing when they sign up, so the Google Form for the MUN sessions will not be available until the week after the Country Draft.

8. Watch for ongoing additional information and reminders in the Civitas weekly newsletter and on the Civitas website.

At the General Assembly:

1. Arrive a bit early.

We recommend that students arrive at least 15 minutes before the session begins to get settled. Dress is business casual. We will provide a copy of the resolutions, a voting placard, a clipboard, and a pen.

2. Resolution presentations

Sponsors of a resolution will present their elevator pitch (PLEASE do not read the entire resolution) and sit down at a table on stage to take notes during the Speakers List. We will start with one resolution per school from the list, usually selected by topic variety if more than one resolution is submitted from a school.

3. Amend, debate, and pass resolutions

After the elevator pitch and a bit of time to read through the whole resolution, a Speakers List is started. Students who want to speak raise their placards to ask questions, suggest amendments to resolutions, and/or provide their country's perspective on the resolution. The sponsors then have time to create a response. Once they've responded, delegates vote. They will not be voting as Americans, but as delegates of their country for the session. (Unless someone from your school wants to represent the United States! That is definitely an option and it is always good to have someone role-playing the American perspective at MUN sessions.)

4. Have fun

The point of Model UN is to learn something, meet students from other schools, and have a good time. **Remember it's not a competition, but a dialogue about problems in the world.**

After the General Assembly Session:

1. Discuss the day's outcome.

A brief wrap-up will highlight the progress made and the resolutions passed. Civitas will ask for delegates to complete a digital survey by the Monday evening following the session.

2. Civitas has many other events scheduled throughout the year for interested students to attend, all free of charge. Students who attend enough events to become "A Civitas Public Policy Fellow" during a school year are eligible to apply for the CIVITAS (paid) summer internship.