

# *Welcome to the* Model UN Club

2020 - 2021

## What is Model UN?

Model United Nations (Model UN or MUN) is an authentic simulation of the UN General Assembly, UN Security Council, or other multilateral body, in which students **act as country delegates** and engage in acts of diplomacy, negotiation, and decision making.

Our Model UN Club is registered with **Global Classrooms DC (GCDC)**, the flagship education program of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA), and is part of a nationwide initiative to strengthen relations between the US and the UN. GCDC provides an expansive curriculum curated by partnering UN agencies in the DC area. This year, in order to reach the needs of students during the pandemic, GCDC will offer an adaptable online curriculum, virtual workshops, virtual guest speakers and two virtual Model UN conferences.

**Registration for the Model UN Club is open to students grades 5 - 8.** This exciting program teaches students how to improve research, writing, public speaking, and negotiation skills. Students will build cultural awareness, cultivate their global citizenship through learning about international issues and the work of the United Nations. Sponsored by the CJMS and BMES PTAs, this parent-organized club will offer **weekly meetings online via Zoom on Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:10pm beginning on September 17.**

[Register for the Model UN Club - Click here](#)



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## Skills and Conferences

Students can expect to:

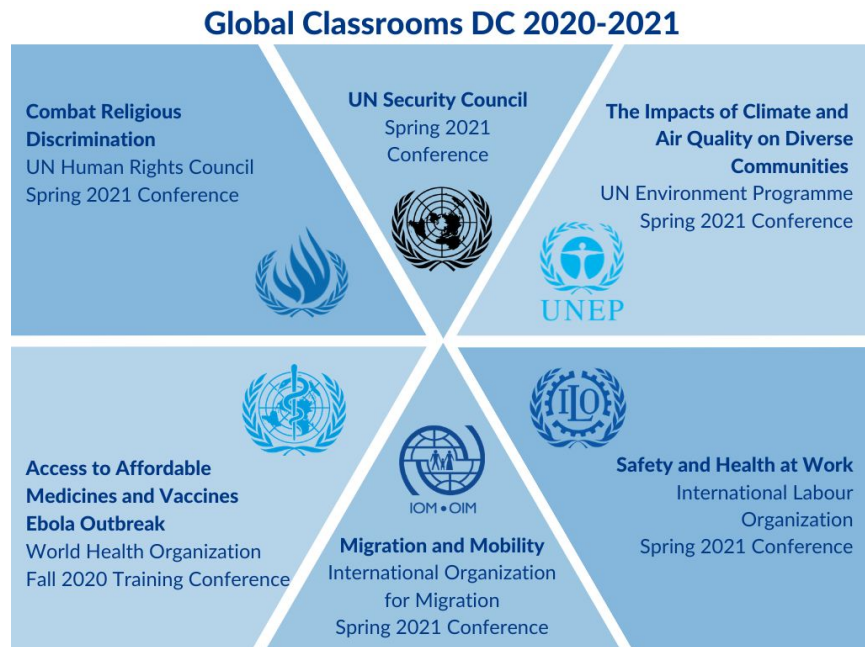
- Learn about world issues
- Develop critical thinking skills
- Develop team building skills
- Develop public speaking and debate skills
- Develop conflict management skills

The Fall 2020 Model UN Training Conference will take place virtually via Zoom over the week of November 16th - 19th in partnership with the Pan American Health Organization. The conference will provide an opportunity for newcomers to Model UN to participate in a conference designed to teach rather than compete. Students who have previous Model UN experience are welcomed as well.

This year's Fall conference will feature three General Assembly committees in which students will discuss the topic of "Access to Vaccines and Affordable Medicines" and one UN Security Council (Crisis) committee in which students will be confronted with an *Ebola outbreak*. Note that the crisis committee is only open to students that have previously attended three or more Model UN conferences (not exclusive to GCDC conferences).

The Spring conference will likely take place in April of 2021. In years past, the competitive Spring conference has been hosted at the U.S. Department of State in Washington D.C. As conditions around the pandemic unfold, details about how the Spring conference will be conducted will be shared.

In addition to the two conferences hosted by GCDC, our club seeks out additional conference opportunities hosted by neighboring high schools and universities. If these become available in a virtual setting, we will share these opportunities with parents and students.



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## Fees

While there are no fees to be a Model UN Club member, there are separate fees that are charged by the conferences. These fees can range from \$15 - \$50. Fees should never be a reason for a student to not participate. Should you have financial concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Meeting Dates *(Thursdays at 3:30 pm)*

### Fall:

September 17, 24  
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
November 5, 12,

### Winter:

January 7, 14, 21, 28  
February 4, 11, 18, 25

### Spring:

March 4, 11, 18, 25  
April 8, 15, 22, 29

### Conference Dates:

*November 16 - 19: GCDC Fall Model UN Training Conference | 9:30 AM - 12:45 PM (daily)*  
*April: GCDC Spring Model UN Conference*

## Contact Us

Do you have more questions? Please join us for a Zoom information session on Monday, September 14 at 3:30 pm. To request the Zoom link or ask questions, please contact us at [cjmsmun@gmail.com](mailto:cjmsmun@gmail.com) OR complete the registration form. [Register for the Model UN Club - click here](#)

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