



PRINCETON MODEL CONGRESS



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PURPOSE

Princeton Model Congress strives to encourage lifelong responsible citizenship through studying public issues, writing legislation, and debating public policy in the nation's capital. Established 29 years ago, Princeton Model Congress promotes these goals by providing high school students with the unique opportunity to participate in simulated legislative sessions modeled after the United States Congress. For four days, students become the nation's elected leaders, discussing foreign and domestic policy questions and drafting legislation to address contemporary issues. Delegates learn to express their own views on the challenges currently facing our nation. Princeton Model Congress is designed to help the youth of today become the responsible citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

PREPARATION

Preparation prior to the conference is essential to ensure productive discussion and debate in Washington. We focus on two areas in particular: individual policy research and the study of parliamentary procedure.

Individual delegates conduct their own in-depth policy research in advance. Prior to the Model Congress, each delegate will receive a *Committee Background Paper* to assist in legislative research. Students should be prepared to discuss topics within their committee's jurisdiction without solely relying upon provided materials. Students are expected to engage in independent research and formulate their own creative solutions to current problems.

Rules of parliamentary procedure and other important pre-conference information are included on our website. Delegations are expected to examine these materials carefully and to practice committee procedure before the conference. The Delegate Start Page should be the first stop for all our delegates. It contains new and detailed information on how to write consistent and well-formed bills, sample pieces of legislation, a recommended bill template, and other useful information relating to other aspects of the conference.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Princeton Model Congress is designed to help participants develop expertise in a specific legislative area by requiring prior research and active debate on bills and resolutions. The conference is organized into legislative, executive, and judicial branches. The legislative branch is represented by four independently functioning Congresses, comprising of its own House of Representatives, Senate, and individual committees. The executive branch consists of a model Cabinet led by an elected President. The judicial branch is represented by a model Supreme Court. In addition, student reporters in the Princeton Model Congress Press Corps report on legislative activity, general governmental developments, and national news.

Committees contain approximately nineteen students and specialize in a general legislative area. This creates a forum for small groups of students to work closely together on a focused range of well-researched issues.

House and Senate assemblies are each composed of seven and six committees, respectively. These general bodies debate and vote on legislation passed by the student committees. For efficiency's sake, bills need only be passed by one main assembly before being forwarded to the President for executive review. Bills signed by the President become Model Congress law.

In recognition of participation and achievement, committee chairs will present gavel awards for students' committee and full session performances. Honorable mention certificates and certificates of participation are also awarded. In addition, awards will be presented to the three most outstanding delegations.

The 2010 Princeton Model Congress conference will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington at 1000 H. St. Just a short distance away from the Verizon Center, the hotel is just a brief Metro ride away from many major attractions such as the White House, National Art Gallery, the National Mall and Ford's Theater.

WEB REGISTRATION

Registration is conducted exclusively through our website, <http://pmc.princeton.edu>. Several registration items will be handled through paper mail, including Delegation Confirmation Forms, Special Program Applications, Bills, and Hotel Reservations. It is imperative that all materials arrive at the PMC office by the date specified, whether they are sent over the web site or by mail. Web registration for this year's conference will open April 14, 2010.



Delegates discuss and develop their own policy initiatives.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following is a tentative schedule for the 2010 Princeton Model Congress:

Thursday, November 18

1:00pm- 6:00pm	Registration
6:15pm- 7:00pm	Parliamentary Procedure
7:00pm- 8:00pm	Opening Ceremonies
8:00pm- 11:00pm	Committee Sessions
11:30pm	Curfew

Friday, November 19

8:45am- 10:00am	Keynote Address
10:00am- 1:00pm	Committee/Full Sessions
1:00pm- 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm- 5:00pm	Committee/Full Sessions
5:00pm- 7:30pm	Dinner
7:30pm- 10:30pm	Committee Sessions
11:30pm	Curfew

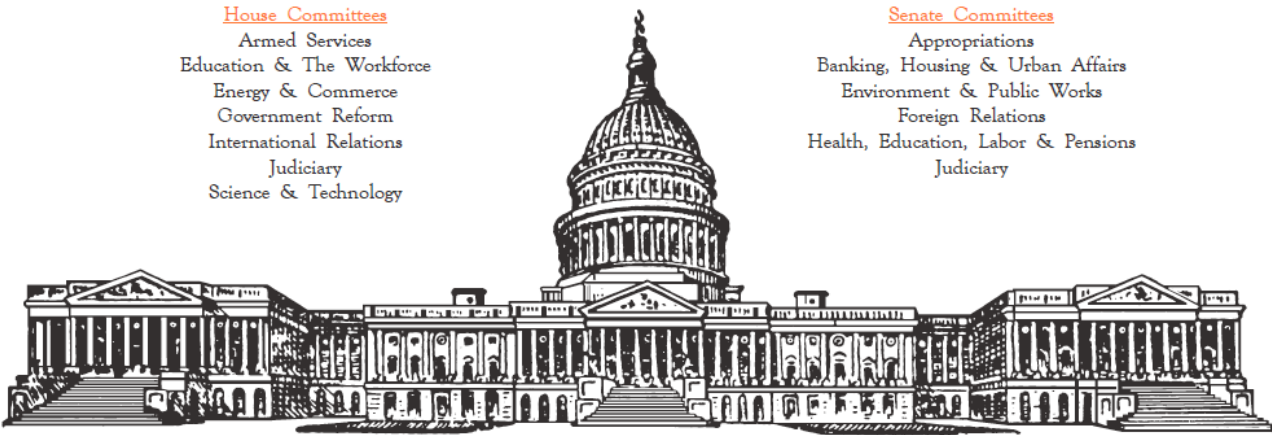
Saturday, November 20

9:00am- 12:00pm	Committee/Full Sessions
12:00 pm- 8:00pm	Free Time
6:45pm- 7:45pm	Supreme Court Hearing
8:00pm- 10:30pm	Committee/Full Sessions
11:00pm- 12:30am	Congressional Ball
1:00am	Curfew

Sunday, November 21

9:00 am- 11:00 am	Full Sessions
11:30 am- 1:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies

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- House Committees
- Armed Services
 - Education & The Workforce
 - Energy & Commerce
 - Government Reform
 - International Relations
 - Judiciary
 - Science & Technology

- Senate Committees
- Appropriations
 - Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
 - Environment & Public Works
 - Foreign Relations
 - Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
 - Judiciary

Program: Educational, Creative, and Unique.

- Develops research and analytical techniques, applying them to create sound public policy.
- Emphasizes public speaking and fosters exciting debate in both committee and full sessions.

Location: Washington, D.C.

- Creates a realistic atmosphere in the nation's capital.
- Offers easy access to Washington's major attractions: the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, the White House, and the national monuments.

Leadership: Princeton University Undergraduates

- Provide knowledge and background materials on issues being discussed before the committee.
- Preside over committees and full sessions with extensive parliamentary training.

Perks: Excellent Accommodations and Resources

- Outstanding accommodations at the first-class Grand Hyatt Washington
- Free t-shirts for all participants

Special Features of Princeton Model Congress

President — Delegates elect a student President who will act as Chief Executive and lead the Model Cabinet. The President's many responsibilities include lobbying Congress and reviewing passed legislation. Presidential candidates will be selected through an application process and will be expected to have a campaign platform to be presented at the conference election.

Model Cabinet — Cabinet Secretaries, selected through a special application process, share executive duties with the President. Cabinet members advise the President on legislative matters, formulate and present their own recommendations for administration policy, and represent the executive branch before Congress.

Model Supreme Court — The Model Supreme Court is an independent program for a select group of nine Justices. Students are chosen through an application process, and spend their sessions at the conference learning how the Supreme Court works. The Justices review legal precedents for a case to be argued before the Court and render opinions on it.

Press Corps — Student reporters working for the conference newspaper report on student legislative action, conduct opinion polls, and write commentary on contemporary issues. Press conferences allow reporters to question Model Cabinet members and the President about Administration policy. Press Corps members will be chosen by application.

Policy Specialists — The Office of Policy Specialists will be staffed by Princeton students who specialize in specific policy areas. Policy Specialists will provide on-call expertise to committees, supplementing the research and knowledge of delegates and chairs as needed. They will also present and advocate legislation on pressing issues of the day, stimulating lively debate that is firmly grounded in fact.

Guest Speakers — Delegates have the rare opportunity to listen to prominent journalists, Congressional and Administration figures, and other public officials speak, as well as the chance to ask them questions on important issues. Previous speakers include Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney, Senator Bill Bradley, Senator Tom Harkin, Representative Barney Frank, Representative Ann Hutchinson, Representative James Marshall, Presidential candidate Ralph Nader, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, and DNC Chairman Terence McAuliffe.



Highly prized, gavels are awarded to one delegate from each committee.

REGISTRATION

Online registration begins April 14 and our limited number of spaces will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. To register for the 2010 Princeton Model Congress, the following materials must reach PMC by the dates below:

October 1: Confirmation

- Due:
- Delegation Confirmation Form (*mail*)
 - Delegation Fee (*mail*)
 - Special Programs Applications (*mail*)

October 8: Delegate Registration

- Due:
- Delegate Registration Forms (*mail*)
 - Delegate Fees (*mail*)

October 15: Finalize Assignments

- Due:
- Delegation Roster (*web*)
 - Bill Topics (*web*)
 - Hotel Reservation Form (*mail to hotel*)

October 22: Delegate Legislation

- Due:
- Bills and Resolutions (*mail*)

Program Costs

The school fees for the 2010 Princeton Model Congress are as follows:

- \$230 per delegation of 15 or fewer students.
- \$300 per delegation of 16-20 students.
- \$360 per delegation of 21-25 students.
- \$420 per delegation of 26-30 students.
- \$470 per delegation of 31-35 students.
- \$520 per delegation of 36-40 students.

Any delegation that wishes to bring more than 30 students must receive permission from PMC. We reserve the right to decline such requests.

The individual student fee is \$110 per student for all delegations.

Hotel Costs

The conference will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington, located at 1000 H St., a short distance from Capitol Hill and the Smithsonian Museums. Rooms will be available at these special Princeton Model Congress rates (not including tax):

Quad Room	\$52.50 per person (\$210.00 per night)
Triple Room	\$70.00 per person (\$210.00 per night)
Double Room	\$95.50 per person (\$185.00 per night)
Single Room	\$185.00 per person (\$185.00 per night)

Rates are subject to minor change.

All students must be accompanied by an adult faculty advisor.