

Transcript for video, *What is Model United Nations*

Based on the pedagogy of experiential learning, Model United Nations brings actual UN diplomacy to the students. It is an educational simulation of various bodies within the United Nations. Students take on the perspective of individual state representatives and learn how to operate in the international arena for collective solutions to pressing world issues, bringing to bear all the interests, powers, and constraints of their represented Member State. Model UN simulations engage hundreds of thousands of students each year. In the process, students also develop transferable skills such as leadership, public speaking, diplomatic writing, research, problem solving, and negotiating strategies. Many of today's leaders in law, government, business and the arts – including at the UN itself – participated in Model UN as students.