

National Student Leadership Conference

Political Action & Public Policy

Washington, D.C.

Program Overview & Sample Daily Schedule

The following Program Overview & Sample Daily Schedule are designed to give you a better understanding of the activities in a typical session as well as the flow of a typical day. This is a sample schedule based upon past programs. While not all sessions are exactly the same, this is reflective of the activities that take place during the program.

Day 1

- Registration
- Campus Tours of American University
- College Credit Registration (*optional*)
- Opening Ceremony
- TA Group Orientation

Day 2

- Leadership Challenge Course
- Leadership Series: Personality Styles & Group Dynamics
- Simulation: Campaign
 - Campaign Committee
 - National Committees
 - Interest Groups
 - Media Corps
- Simulation: Senate Committee
- Social

Day 3

- Trip: Capitol Hill & the Smithsonian Museum
 - U.S. Capitol
 - U.S. Supreme Court
 - Congressional Visits (*optional*)
 - Library of Congress
 - Air & Space Museum
 - American History Museum
 - Natural History Museum
 - African American Museum
- Leadership: Public Speaking
- Lecture Series: Inside Politics: Political Parties, Interest Groups & Think Tanks
- Simulation: Senate Committee
- Social

Day 4

- Guest Speaker
- Lecture Series: Legislative Process
- Campaign Simulation
- Documentary Film
- Primary Elections
- Party Caucus
- Pizza Social

Day 5

- Trip: U.S. State Department
- Guest Speaker: Government Official
 - U.S. Secretary
 - Member of Congress
- Campaign Simulation
- Simulation: Senate Committee
- Leadership: Conflict Resolution
- Trip: Washington at Night Tour
 - Lincoln Memorial
 - MLK Memorial
 - Jefferson Memorial
 - FDR Memorial
 - Vietnam & Korean War Memorials
 - Iwo Jima Memorial

Day 6

- Trip: Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Simulation: Senate Committee
- Leadership Series: Negotiations
- Presidential Debate
- Guest Speaker: Interest Group
- Performance at the Ronald Reagan Building: Capitol Steps

Day 7

- Trip: Newseum
- Guest Speaker: Political Analysts
- Lecture Series: Campaign 2016
- Campaign Simulation
- Leadership Series: Commitment in Action

Day 8

- Simulation: Senate Committee
- Final Leadership Session
- Senate Simulation: Final Voting
- Election Day!
- Final Dance

Day 9

- Presidential Inauguration
- Closing Ceremony
- Final TA Meeting
- Student Departure

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Sample Daily Schedule

Day 5

7:30am-8:45am	Breakfast AU Terrace Dining Room
8:30am	Board Buses
9:30am-10:30am	Site Visit: U.S. State Department <i>Neat Attire</i>
10:45am	Board Buses <i>*box lunch</i>
11:45am-12:45pm	Guest Speaker: Secretary Jeh Johnson Department of Homeland Security <i>Professional Attire</i>
1:45pm-3:15pm	Campaign Simulation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Campaign Committees• National Committees• Interest Groups• Media Corps <i>Neat Attire</i>
3:30pm-4:45pm	Senate Simulation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Educator, Labor & Pensions Committee• Foreign Relations• Energy & Natural Resources• Judiciary• Armed Services <i>Neat Attire</i>
5:00pm-6:00pm	Dinner AU Terrace Dining Room
6:15pm-7:30pm	Leadership Session Conflict Resolution <i>Neat Attire</i>
7:45pm	Board Buses
8:00pm-10:30pm	Washington Monuments at Night <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lincoln Memorial• MLK Memorial• Jefferson Memorial• FDR Memorial• Vietnam and Korean War Memorial <i>Casual Attire w/casual walking shoes</i>
10:45pm	Floor Check