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
National Student Leadership Conference
Political Action & Public Policy
Washington, D.C.

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  Neat Attire
10:45am  Board Buses  *box lunch
11:45am-12:45pm  Guest Speaker: Secretary Jeh Johnson  Department of Homeland Security  Professional Attire
1:45pm-3:15pm  Campaign Simulation
- Campaign Committees
- National Committees
- Interest Groups
- Media Corps  Neat Attire
3:30pm-4:45pm  Senate Simulation
- Health, Educator, Labor & Pensions Committee
- Foreign Relations
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Judiciary
- Armed Services  Neat Attire
5:00pm-6:00pm  Dinner  AU Terrace Dining Room
6:15pm-7:30pm  Leadership Session
Conflict Resolution  Neat Attire
7:45pm  Board Buses
8:00pm-10:30pm  Washington Monuments at Night
- Lincoln Memorial
- MLK Memorial
- Jefferson Memorial
- FDR Memorial
- Vietnam and Korean War Memorial  Casual Attire w/casual walking shoes
10:45pm  Floor Check