

UNITED STATES DIPLOMACY CENTER

EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Programs:

The United States Diplomacy Center strives to inspire learning about diplomacy, the Foreign Service, and the work of the foreign affairs agencies, particularly focusing on the nation's foremost and oldest diplomatic agency, the U.S. Department of State. The U.S. Diplomacy Center offers immersive programs that explore the goals and practice of diplomacy, teach diplomatic skills, build global competence, and illustrate how the critical work of American diplomats impacts people's everyday lives.

Lesson plans emphasize 21st century skills that are also the tools of diplomacy: creativity and innovation; critical thinking and problem solving; and communication and collaboration. These skills are keys to success for the next generation of global citizens.

Practicing Diplomacy:

At the heart of the Center's education programs is the diplomatic simulation, an immersive exercise in which students and teachers engage on a critical global issue through diplomacy. Negotiating on topics such as those that U.S. diplomats face, participants are challenged to find solutions and are inspired to become involved in world affairs. The Diplomacy Center conducts simulation programs with foreign and domestic youth audiences visiting the State Department and with local schools.

The Center also trains educators to run simulations, and they in turn teach thousands of students about the art and challenges of diplomacy.

Currently available simulation exercises:

- International Refugees Crisis: Human Rights and Humanitarian Assistance
- International HIV/AIDS Crisis: Global Health and Development
- Freshwater Crisis: Climate Change, Natural Resources and Development
- International Nuclear Crisis: International Law and National Sovereignty
- Crisis in our Oceans: Negotiating a Solution to Protect our Food
- The Suez Canal Crisis: National Sovereignty vs. International Access to Waterways
- Crisis in Darfur: Negotiating a Solution
- Countering Violent Extremism: Civil Liberties and Security

U.S. Diplomacy Center staff is working with subject matter experts to develop additional simulations on trade, public diplomacy, countering terrorism, and other global issues.

Online Resources:

www.diplomacy.state.gov/discoverdiplomacy offers a primer on diplomacy and the work of the State Department. The Diplomatic Simulations Program will soon be available on-line for educators, with downloadable materials and instructional videos to complement classroom curricula.