Structure of Program

Approximately 4000 students across the country participate in competitions hosted by 50 local World Affairs Councils across the United States. Winning teams are invited to represent their high school and local Council at the National Competition, held in the spring each year in the nation’s capital, Washington, DC.

2020-2021 Topics

1. Global Protests
2. Shifting Sands: The Arab Spring 10 Years On
3. International Labour Organization
4. The U.S. Foreign Service in the 21st Century
5. Great Decisions
6. Country in Focus: Uzbekistan
7. Exploring Peace in a World of Conflict
8. Fraying Alliances
9. Looking to a Post-Pandemic Economy
10. Current Events

Benefits

- Prepares for future international studies and careers in the global economy
- Topics are compatible with and enhance the study of many existing curriculums and AP courses
- Possibility of attending National Competition weekend in Washington, DC
- Contributes to the national Common Core State Standards Initiative by fostering reading comprehension skills for informational text

Coaching a team is easy!

- Assemble a team of 4 students
- Identify a local competition – visit www.worldaffairscouncils.org to find one
- Assist your team in studying the sources listed on the online Study Guide – all questions come from these sources!
- Attend the half-day local competition
- If your team wins, attend the National Competition in Washington, DC in April 2021

Teacher’s Guide

What is it?

Academic WorldQuest™ is a flagship youth education program of the World Affairs Councils of America. It is a team competition testing high school students' knowledge of int’l affairs. In the competition, 4-person teams compete by answering multiple-choice questions divided into 10 unique and engaging thematic categories.