

MODEL UNITED NATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

PUBLIC SPEAKING & MUN

Traditional
Committees
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Committees

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Committees

Public Speaking in MUN

Whether you're in a moderated caucus or an unmoderated caucus, writing a working paper, or going through the amendment process, every aspect of Model United Nations requires a very important life skill - public speaking. To get your message across, it's important to know how to give a clear, concise, and convincing speech.



Preparing For Your Speech

Outline your points.

Structure your speech into a few main points, and repeat these key points at your conclusion if you have time.

Know your audience.

Who are you talking to? What are the general sentiments in the committee? Which way is debate flowing? For example, if the audience responds well to lighthearted and comedic speeches, try going with that.

Be mindful of timing.

A suggested way to divide your speech:

- 5-10 secs for an introduction
- 20-40 secs for your content
- 5-10 secs for your conclusion



What can your speech be about?

Beginning of Conference: Provide context.

- Context on the issue.
- Context on your country's position
- Potential solutions for the issue

Middle of Conference: Dig deeper into solutions.

- Summarize what your resolution is about in a few main points.
- Explore whether the solutions being proposed are feasible.

End of Conference: Gain support.

- Advocate for the resolution you think will be most effective.
Explain how other delegates/countries will benefit.



Public Speaking Checklist



Smile :)



Project your voice.



Gesture.



Maintain eye contact.



Pause.



Have good posture.

MUNUC Tips & Tricks

1

Keep your speech concise. Speeches in committee are brief - typically around 30 - 90 seconds. By being concise, you'll make the most of your time and hold your audience's attention.

2

Let your passion and interest in the topic show. If you can explain why you - and others - should care about the topic, you'll be more effective at getting fellow delegates to listen to and support your ideas.

3

Give credit and be a good team player. No one can write and pass a resolution by themselves - be sure to give credit to others' ideas when referring to them in your speeches.