

LACES Model UN:

How to succeed in General Assembly

1. Research

- When researching the topics in a General Assembly (GA) committee, delegates should begin with a country profile. It is also useful to become familiar with the UN Charter and the charter of your committee. These pieces of information are great resources to have in your back pocket when you do not know where to start in a committee.

2. Public Speaking

- In committee speak up, make eye contact, and try to limit how much you look at your notes when you speak. Be engaging and speak plainly, directly, and concisely.
- Instead of stuttering or repeating yourself, take a second to think when you do not know what to say. If you make mistakes in your speech, that's totally okay, as long as you remain confident and continue speaking like the mistake was never made.
- Challenge yourself to use statistical facts in almost every speech.

3. Teamwork

- Collaboration is key in a GA committee, and most collaboration will take place in unmoderated caucuses.
- It is helpful to understand the positions of other countries before the conference. Research which countries are likely to have similar policies and want to work with you. This will give you a better idea of who to collaborate with in writing an eventual resolution.
- When speaking in moderated caucuses and general speakers list speeches, allude to other countries you are working with, the recognition is much appreciated.

4. Resources

- Having your research with you in committee is tremendously helpful. Always bring a printed copy of your country profile and position paper in your binder to every session, in addition to the LACES Mun Handbook.

5. Have Fun

- Above all, have fun and relax! This is an exciting and engaging process. Listen and learn from your fellow delegates. Make sure to get a good night's sleep and eat a solid breakfast so that you can enjoy committee.