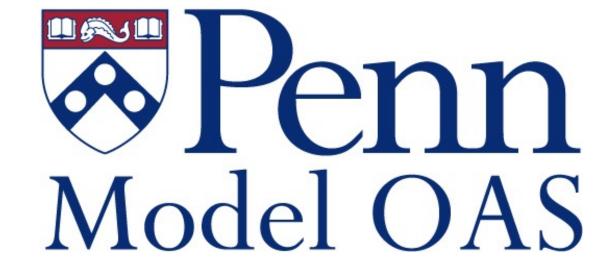




Penn Arts & Sciences Center for Latin American and Latinx Studies

University of Pennsylvania





#### Latin American Trivia

- 1) What is the largest country in Latin America?
- 2) What countries share an island?
- How many countries are there in Latin America and the Caribbean? Choose the correct answer: 10, 33, 195
- 4) Where did women get the vote first? Ecuador, Mexico, Argentina
- 5) What country connects Central and South America? Guatemala, Honduras, and Panama
- 6) Is Bad Bunny from Latin America?



## Imagine you are a diplomat, what would you do?

• This of country of 30 million people that is highly dependent on oil for its revenues has been experiencing an economic, political and humanitarian crisis in recent years, leading to 7 million people leaving the country. The majority of the people lack access to adequate food, power, and other basic necessities. In fact, over 50% live in extreme poverty and teacher salaries about \$6 a month. Moreover, the migration crisis has overwhelmed other countries at times.

#### **The Venezuelan Crisis**

- 30 million people/\$7,704 GDP
- Oil/State control over economy
- Contested Presidency/Upcoming elections
- Close to 8 million Venezuelans refugees and migrants; human rights abuses; shortages of food and medical supplies; violent crime, high inflation.





A program for Philadelphia and Norristown high school students

Model OAS – global diplomacy simulation

Learn about the OAS and region

Engage in policy writing and debate

Build new relationships

Learn what it means to be a global citizen



### Quick Facts

- 1948 (April 30<sup>th</sup>): OAS is born
- The OAS succeeded the Union of American Republics and its secretariat, the Pan American Union, which had been set up in 1910
- 35 member states (34 active) all the independent countries in the Americas
- Current Secretary General is Luis Almagro



### Key highlights/Opportunities

- Students delve into Latin American Politics
- Become a diplomat (at least act like one!)
- Research and propose policy resolutions
- Enhance writing and public speaking skills
- Participate in Model OAS conference in DC
- Learn what college academics and life is about
- Have fun!



### What do students do as participants?

- Attend weekly classes on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 hosted by the University of Pennsylvania during Fall Semesters
- Read, research, write, and speak about issues in the Americas
- Prepare a country delegation for the Model OAS simulation
- Meet OAS diplomats, scholars, Penn faculty, and others via guest lectures
- Participate in MOAS in Washington, DC (11/20-11/22)



# Why do students participate?

- Many benefits (see aforementioned)
- Learn about global issues and diplomacy, especially as they pertain to the Americas
- Interact with students from countries throughout the Western Hemisphere
- Great opportunity for college preparation
- Interaction with Penn undergrads and faculty
- Participation in ongoing and future Penn events
- Model OAS is a blast!



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• Fall 2023





















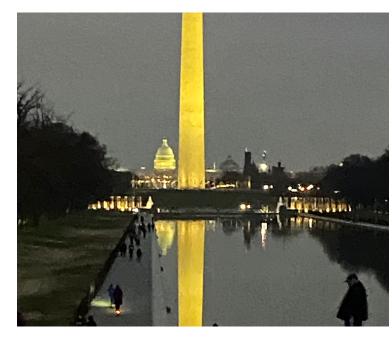














Penn Model OAS

2021







Visit with the Peruvian ambassador to the OAS

























### Dinner with OAS expert

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