

# MOCK TRIAL

## OVERVIEW

- Students work with faculty to form a team and compete at mock trial tournaments through the American Mock Trial Association.
- Over 350 colleges and universities participate in these tournaments across the country.
- Students learn the roles of prosecutors, defense attorneys, plaintiffs, defendants, and witnesses and perform opening statements, closing statements, and direct/cross examination of witnesses.
- Mock trial drills help students improve oral and written communication skills and enhance their ability to analyze complex materials.
- Helpful to any major. Past student majors include Criminal Justice, National Security, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Business, English, Women's and Gender Studies, Political Science, and Art.

## WHY MOCK TRIAL?

- Improves public speaking skills
- Improves confidence
- Fosters lasting friendships and comradery
- Improves team work
- Provides networking opportunities with students and faculty from a wide range of universities
- Provides opportunity to travel and represent NJCU at invitational, regional and national competitions
- Develops critical thinking skills
- Enhances understanding of the Criminal Justice System



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- Enhances ability to analyze complex material
  - Provides leadership skills
  - Develops research and litigation skills
  - Opportunity to work one on one with faculty

## STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



- This experience was once in a lifetime.
- Mock Trial will be one of my most important college memories!
- Being part of the team pushed us to work beyond our own expectations.
- Despite our first-time nerves we knew that hard work would pay off as we entered our first competition.
- Because of intense preparation, we were able to hold our own and compete with confidence against high ranking universities.
- I developed many skills and was challenged in ways I never imagined.
- It was educational and helped me grow my skills in public speaking, critical thinking, and team building.



**The mission of the College of Professional Studies is to educate individuals from diverse communities, to succeed in their professional goals and personal aspirations and to effectively contribute to society.**

Our engaging learning environment encourages students to become self-motivated learners who can think analytically, locate resources, solve problems creatively, and master essential technical skills.

The College attracts career-minded students who are eager to learn skills that are most critical to launching or advancing their professional lives, and our learning community welcomes both traditional and non-traditional students. NJCU's urban location is an integral part of the student experience, and is the perfect setting for educating students who will thrive in today's fast-paced world.

### **New Jersey City University Mission Statement**

New Jersey City University empowers its students through a highly accessible, equity-driven, and transformative education. An NJCU education focuses on students' personal, professional, and civic development to facilitate their socio-economic mobility. We uplift our diverse community of students, including historically underserved and underrepresented, first-generation, and adult learners.

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