

# 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



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

## STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

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- 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.

### Mission Statement

New Jersey City University (NJCU) provides a diverse population of learners with an excellent education. The University is committed to the improvement of the educational, intellectual, cultural, socioeconomic, and physical environment of the surrounding urban region and beyond.

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