

Why You Should Take Mock Trial

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If you are looking for a two credit course focused on improving your speaking skills while having fun and learning about the legal system in a unique, immersive way, look no further than Trial Advocacy and Mock Trial. These two credit courses, offered in the fall and spring respectively, have students learn and prepare a fictional legal case, walking them through the steps of the legal process until they are able to present their case to an audience. Working on this case allows students to grow their advocacy skills while gaining insight into the legal system.

Mock Trial, taught by Judge Hammer, is a great experience for students of any major or area of interest since it teaches skills that are applicable to various aspects of life. If you are a student interested in law school, this class is especially important, as it provides an introduction to the rules of evidence.

Mock Trial is also a fun activity, and students who continue with the course into the spring are able to compete at a regional tournament in Madison, where they are given the opportunity to meet students from other schools and earn awards for being an outstanding witness or attorney.

My experience in Mock Trial and Trial Advocacy has been amazing, with the courses allowing me to work with and become closer to actual practicing attorneys. For anyone looking for another two credits in the fall, consider taking Trial Advocacy and perhaps continuing and competing with our school's Mock Trial team in the spring.