PURPOSES OF THE COURSE

The course has at least six distinct purposes. It is designed to provide: (1) knowledge of trial procedure, so that the student will come to better understand the functioning of the United States judicial process; (2) opportunities to construct and test logical arguments; (3) opportunities to think on one’s feet; (4) opportunities to develop public speaking techniques; (5) a basis upon which the instructor can choose the college’s intercollegiate mock trial team; (6) an opportunity to compete for a position on that team; and (7) a chance to begin constructing the team’s cases in preparation for competition.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Readings
Class Attendance and Critiques of Fellow Students
Out-of-Class Practice and Preparation
In-Class Public Speaking
In-Class Performances in Mock Trial Roles
Written Examinations

COURSE TEXTS

Thomas A. Mauet, Fundamentals of Trial Technique (2007)
Marcus Pohlmann, Class Notes (2007)
American Mock Trial Association, Rules and Case (downloads)
  www.collegemocktrial.org [passwords in handout]

optional:
Glen Weissenberger, Federal Evidence: Courtroom Manual
GRADES

Letter grades will be based on the following criteria:

Written examinations (80%)
- Six Class Examinations (10% each)
- Final Exam (20%)

Performance (20%):
- Attendance (in class and at out-of-class team practices)
- Critiques of fellow student's public speeches and mock trials
- Preparation and effort in one's own public speech and trial roles
- Demonstrated understanding of trial procedure exhibited in both mock trial performances and critiques of others' performances
- Cooperation and overall effort on in-class mock trial teams
- Full class attendance, including remaining until the end of all classes

n.b.: Course will meet from 7:00 until 10:00 (or later) each Monday and Wednesday, but it will be concluded by the middle of October. Arrange your schedule so that you can attend the full class every time. Missing classes or leaving early will be penalized.

Exam Rule: Looking at previous years’ exams is not allowed and will be viewed as a serious violation of the Honor Code. When you pledge your exams, you will be pledging in part that you have not seen any such materials.

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Introduction
- August 22
- w/ public speaking discussion
- Read: Lecture Notes, pp. 1-2

I. Trial Procedure

A. Direct Examination
- August 27
- w/ speeches, quiz #1
- Read: Mauet, chaps. 5, 6
- Lecture Notes, pp. 3-8

B. Cross-Examination
- August 29
- w/ speeches, quiz #2
- Read: Mauet, chap. 7
- Lecture Notes, pp. 14-19

C. Witnesses
- September 5
- w/ speeches, quiz #3
- Read: Mauet, chap. 8
- Lecture Notes, pp. 9-13
D. Objections/Rules of Evidence
  w/ speeches, quiz #4*
  *Understand rules, procedures & strategies,
  but no need to memorize rule numbers -- yet.

E. Openings and Closings
  w/ speeches, quiz #5

F. Attorneys
  w/ speeches, quiz #6

II. Mock Trials

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL 263:
  MOCK TRIAL

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October 17  Intercollegiate Teams practice

**October 19**  Teams 872 and 873 leave for Cornell Invitational

October 22  Intercollegiate Teams practice

October 24  Intercollegiate Teams practice

**October 26**  Team 874 leaves for EKU Invitational

October 29  Intercollegiate Teams practice

October 31  Intercollegiate Teams practice

**November 2**  Team 872 leaves for D.C. Invitational, Team 873 for Iowa

November 5  Intercollegiate Teams practice

November 7  Intercollegiate Teams practice

**November 8**  Teams 874 leaves for MTSU Invitational

November 12  Intercollegiate Teams practice

November 14  Intercollegiate Teams practice

November 19  Intercollegiate Teams practice

**THANKSGIVING BREAK**

November 26  Intercollegiate Teams practice

November 28  Intercollegiate Teams practice

**November 30**  Team 872 leaves for Macalester Invitational, 873 for Joliet

December 3  Intercollegiate Teams practice (optional)

December 5  Intercollegiate Teams practice (optional)

**January 3-6**  WINTER RETREAT

January 9  Regional Team Practices

January 16  Regional Team Practices
January 18      Team 872 leaves for L.A. Invitational (pending)
January 23     Regional Team Practices
January 25     Teams 873 & 874 leave for Atlanta Invitational
               Team 872 leaves for Loras Invitational (pending)
January 30     Regional Team Practices
February 6     Regional Team Practices
February 13    Regional Team Practices

REGIONAL QUALIFIER  February dates and location tba
        Team 874 will be finished at the conclusion of their Regional Tournament
        -- except for working at the Memphis Silver National (March 14-16)
February 20    Regional Team Practices
February 27    Regional Team Practices

SPRING BREAK
March 12       National Team Practices

MEMPHIS SILVER NATIONAL  “tbd”  March 14-16  (You’ll be competing or working.)
March 19       National Team Practices
March 26       National Team Practices
April 2        National Team Practices

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS in ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA  “tbd”  April 3-7
        Team(s) will leave Thursday afternoon, April 3rd and return Monday morning, April 7th

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL 263 GRADING POLICY. An "A" grade will be assigned if a
maximum effort is apparent throughout the term, confirmed by your team captain.
Grades will be lowered proportionately for anything less. In addition, an "F" will be given
to anyone who quits before the end of the National finals in St. Paul. Unless previously
agreed to, you are required to be available to compete in whatever team configuration
the coaches determine. You must be available for all the above tournaments, as well as
for a regional tournament any of the weekends in February.