

Memo



To: Dr. Karla Guseman
From: Dianne McDonald
Date: May 19, 2026
Re: Course Revision-Law to Criminal Law

I respectfully recommend the course revision of Law for the 2027-2028 school year. The one semester, unweighted course would be revised to Criminal Law.

The revision of the Public Safety pathway transitions the current Law course into a specialized Criminal Law curriculum to better align with specific career outcomes and student interests. This change shifts the course from a broad overview to a more focused study of the criminal justice system, providing students with a deeper understanding of legal procedures and trial elements.

By sharpening the focus on criminal litigation, this new structure creates a direct academic link to the Mock Trial student activity group, allowing participants to apply their classroom learning in a competitive environment.

This course revision has been discussed and approved at the Curriculum Coordinating Council.

Thank you and please let me know if you have further questions.