

**DEATH PENALTY LAW 5497 (61347)**  
**Anticipated Spring 2024 Schedule**  
**Tuesday/Thursday 2-3:15 p in Room 4**

The content covered in this course is listed below, along with an anticipated schedule for each topic. Please note that both the schedule and assignments may change based on our progress and needs, and the schedule of guest speakers. Additional reading assignments will be provided as the semester progresses.

WK	Date	Topic
1	January 16	<b>Introduction- arguments for/against, history</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before class: complete (1) pre-semester survey &amp; (2) reflection #1*</li> <li>• Reading: p. 3-22</li> </ul> <i>*the reflection must be submitted by midnight, students are encouraged to complete it before our discussion of the death penalty in our first class.</i>
	January 18	<b>Introduction- history of death penalty</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: p. 22-53</li> <li>• Optional reading: DPIC's <i>Compromised Justice: How a Legacy of Racial Violence Informs Missouri's Death Penalty Today</i> (2023) p. 4-9</li> </ul>
2	January 23	<b>Seminal Cases: Furman</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: p. 55-86</li> </ul>
	January 25	<b>Seminal Cases: Gregg, Woodson, Jurek</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: p. 87-121</li> </ul>
	FRIDAY Jan. 26	Quiz/reflection
3	January 30	<b>Limiting arbitrariness: aggs – Zant,</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: p. 137-184</li> </ul>
	February 1	<b>Aggs, con't</b>
4	February 6	<b>Limiting arbitrariness: proportionality review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: p. 194-200</li> <li>• <i>Lawrence v. Florida</i> (2020) (eliminates proportionality review in Florida)</li> </ul>
	February 8	<b>Limiting arbitrariness: race</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: p. 202-221</li> <li>• Encouraged reading: DPIC's <i>Compromised Justice: How a Legacy of Racial Violence Informs Missouri's Death Penalty Today</i> (2023) p. 14-28</li> </ul>
	FRIDAY Feb. 9	Quiz
5	February 13	<b>Individualization and mitigators</b>
	February 15	<b>Proportionality bars</b>
6	February 20	Proportionality bars
	February 22	Proportionality bars
	FRIDAY Feb. 23	Quiz
7	February 27	<b>Defendant &amp; counsel</b>
	February 29	Defendant & counsel
8	March 5	Defendant & counsel
	March 7	Defendant & counsel
	FRIDAY Mar. 8	Quiz
9	March 12	<b>Prosecutor</b>
	March 14	Catch up
10	March 19	<b>Jury selection: death qualification</b>
	March 21	<b>Jury selection: Batson, race, selection</b>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encouraged reading: DPIC's <i>Compromised Justice: How a Legacy of Racial Violence Informs Missouri's Death Penalty Today</i> (2023) p. 29-33</li> </ul>
	FRIDAY Mar. 22	Quiz
X	March 26	Spring Break
	March 28	Spring Break
11	April 2	<b>Penalty phase</b>
	April 4	<b>Penalty phase</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In class: <u>Lindy Lou, Juror No. 2</u> documentary</li> </ul>
12	April 9	<b>Victim Impact Evidence</b> Happening this week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atchison sentencing trial</li> <li>Missouri Execution Date: Brian Dorsey</li> </ul>
	April 11	<b>Jury Instructions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Happening this week: Atchison sentencing trial</li> </ul>
	FRIDAY Apr. 12	Quiz
13	April 16	<b>Federal Habeas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Happening this week: Atchison sentencing trial</li> </ul>
	April 18	<b>Execution: competency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Happening this week: Atchison sentencing trial</li> </ul>
14	April 23	<b>Execution:</b> lethal injection/methods
	WED. Apr. 26	Due: final reflection
	April 25	Battle on the supreme court/other perspectives LAST CLASS/NALDA Appellate Defender Training