COURSE SYLLABUS – PT510
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PREACHING LAB 1
Fall 2014

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Time:
   Section 1: Thursday, 10-noon
   Section 2: Thursday, 1-3

Class Hours: 2
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COURSE PURPOSE

A course taught in conjunction with Communication I that offers students opportunities to preach sermons.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

Preach, preach, preach!

COURSE TEXT (REQUIRED)


COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. ATTENDANCE — Class attendance is mandatory. Each unexcused absence will result in a full letter grade reduction for the course. Absences to fulfill requirements of other courses are unacceptable. If you plan to be absent from a class, request in advance and by e-mail an excused absence from my teaching assistant. You must state the reason for your absence.

2. FORMATTING – With the exception of homiletical outlines, all written work must be typed double-spaced using 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and include pagination and line numbering.
Each assignment must include the following in the top left-hand corner of the first page:

a. Name
b. Course
c. Date
d. Assignment (e.g., Sermon Manuscript 1 or Exegetical Outline 2)

Improperly formatted work will result in a full letter grade reduction for the assignment. See below for an example of what this formatting looks like.
For help on how to do line numbering, see the following websites:

For MS Word: http://tinyurl.com/WordLineNumbering
For Apple Pages: http://tinyurl.com/PagesLineNumbering

If you still have trouble with formatting, the teaching assistant is happy to help you!

3. GRADES –

a. Written Submissions (50%)

Each time you preach, you will submit (i) a written sermon manuscript identifying at least three commentaries you consulted during your sermon preparation, (ii) an exegetical outline, and (iii) a homiletical outline. The homiletical outline can be as short as a few lines but is not to exceed one page.

b. Preaching (50%)

Grades will be assigned based on the quality of delivery, exposition, illustration, and application.

4. GRADING SCALE -

97-100% A
94-96% A-
91-93% B+
88-90% B
86-87% B-
83-85% C+
80-82% C
78-79% C-
75-77% D+
72-74% D
70-71% D-
0-69% F

5. SERMONS – Students will deliver three or four expository sermons. Because of class size, sermons must not exceed 25 minutes. Sermon manuscripts are not permitted in the pulpit, but you may use your homiletical outline.

6. EVALUATIONS – Bring writing pad and pencil to each class to evaluate your fellow students’ sermons.

7. FALL BREAK AND THANKSGIVING - There will be no class on October 9 and November 27.

8. DEADLINES - All students must be ready to preach when requested by the instructor. Students unprepared to speak will be assigned to preach the following week and penalized a full
letter grade.

9. ELECTRONIC DEVICES - Computers and tablets are not permitted in the lab. Cell phones must be turned off and put away.

10. DISCLAIMER - The instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus during the semester. Students are expected to keep up with syllabus revisions, which are posted online.

11. OFFICE HOURS – Monday through Friday, by appointment or whenever the door is open.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

August 21 – Come prepared to preach your first sermon. You may use the sermon you prepared in Introduction to Preaching.

September 11 – Come prepared to preach your second sermon from an Old Testament text.

October 2 – Come prepared to preach your third sermon from a New Testament Gospel text.

October 30 - Come prepared to preach your fourth sermon from a New Testament epistle text.