**Preaching**

**COS 324**

January 12-13 & February 9-10, 2018

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**Description & Objectives:**

This course focuses on preaching the gospel from the Old and New Testaments. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Articulate a theology of proclamation.
2. Exegete a variety of biblical passages for preaching.
3. Evaluate sermons for biblical integrity, theological soundness, internal logic, and

delivery, and appropriate insights gained from the evaluation of their own

sermons.

1. Develop plans for ordering and delivering sermons in their congregational and

communal context.

**Texts:**

Craddock Fred. *On the Craft of Preaching.*

Luchetti, Lenny. *Preaching Essentials: A Practical Guide.*

Taylor, Barbara Brown. *The Preaching Life.*

**Course Outline:**

1. The definition, theology, and purpose of preaching
2. The calling and character of the preacher
3. Mining the text
4. Crafting the content
5. Connecting with the congregation
6. Developing weekly and annual rhythms and plans

**Assignments:**

**Pre-Class Book Reflection Papers (3)**

Write a reflection paper on each of the required texts above. What touched you? Where do you agree and disagree with the author? How would you like to incorporate what you have read into your life and role as a preacher?

\*Write three reflection papers, two to three pages each in length. **Bring hard copies to our first class and send via email to the instructor by January 12**. 30% of final grade.

**In-Class Sermon (to be preached February 9-10, 2018)**

Prepare and present a ten-minute sermon (time may vary slightly based on number of students enrolled) to be delivered during our weekend together in February. Be sure to incorporate new insights and skills learned from pre-course reading and class sessions into your crafting and delivering of the sermon. Students will provide feedback to one another, but the sermon will be graded by the instructor. 30% of final grade.

\*Submit one page of exegetical material and manuscript on the day you preach.

**Post-Class Final Paper:**

Write a five-page paper on how this course has shaped your understanding and practice of preaching. Please make sure to address the following in your paper:

What is your theology of preaching?

In what ways has the class influenced how you will preach in the future?

What habits do you intend to develop and implement in the areas of Bible study, sermon preparation and planning?

\***Submit final paper to the instructor via e-mail no later than February 19, 2018**.

**Grading**

Pre-Class Reflection Papers 30%

In-Class Sermon 30%

Post-Class Final Paper 30%

Class Participation 10%

**Evaluation**

A 93-100 Superior Work

A- 90-92 Excellent Work

B+ 88-89 Very Good

B 83-87 Good

B- 80-82 Average

C+ 78-79 Below Average

C 73-77 Needs Improvement

C- 70-72 Meets Minimum Standards

Below 70 Failing; No Credit Given

D Below standards

F Failure  
W Withdrawal

AW Administrative Withdrawal

I Incomplete

If a student misses more than 20% of the total class time, a grade of F is given. No "extra credit" projects or papers are permitted. Plagiarism of any type is not permitted and a grade of "F" will be given.

Written assignments should be typed, double-spaced, in 12-point *Times New Roman* font, using one-inch margins.

**WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

The course will meet on a Friday/Saturday format as follows:

**Friday:**

2:00-2:30 pm Arrival, check-in, refreshments

2:30-5:00pm Class

5:00pm Community worship

5:30pm Dinner

6:30-8:30pm Class

**Saturday:**

7:45-8:30am Morning Coffee

8:30am-12:00 Class

12:00-1:00pm Lunch

1:00-3:00pm Class