

HOML 65003: Foundations for Preaching  
3 Semester Hours

Instructor: Lance Pape

Prerequisites: Either HEBI 60003 or NETE 60003 or equivalent

Description of Content:

This is the basic course in preaching. It is designed to 1) foster understanding and appreciation of preaching as a part of both the practice of ministry and the life and mission of the church, 2) offer instruction in the methods and skills employed in sermon development, and 3) provide opportunities for writing and preaching several different types of sermons, with evaluation.

Class Procedures:

The course is structured as plenary lecture/discussions interspersed with small groups meetings for student sermon presentations with instructor and peer feedback.

Requirements:

1. Attendance at all classes and small group meetings.
2. Timely completion of all readings, sermon preparations, and other class assignments as described in the syllabus. All written work must be completed in order to earn a passing grade.
3. The preaching of two sermons, as assigned.
4. Active and responsible participation in class discussions and the evaluation of sermons in small groups.

Texts:

Long, Thomas G. *The Witness of Preaching*. 3rd ed. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2016. List: \$30 ISBN: 9780664261429

McMickle, Marvin Andrew. *Shaping the Claim: Moving from Text to Sermon Elements of Preaching*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008. List: \$12 ISBN: 978-0800604295

Taylor, Barbara Brown. *The Preaching Life*. Cambridge: Cowley Publications, 1993. List: \$17.95 ISBN: 978-1561010745

Grading Procedures:

Sermons: 40%

Sermon preparation materials: 40%

Reading quizzes: 10%

Class participation: 10%