

Syllabus

MAS 615 Basic Homiletics

Course Overview

Course Instructor

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Course Description

Effective sermons are one of the most important elements of effective ministry. This course covers the theoretical and practical aspects of preaching. Students will learn different approaches to pulpit communication. Students will learn how to deliver talks that touch the lives of the people they will serve. Students will also learn how to develop messages of varying lengths. This course will have a face-to-face intensive component after the 9-week online class.

Course Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- Create messages that explain a text and that incorporate the teachings of Unity.
- Integrate appropriate Biblical quotations, stories and other references into their messages.
- Develop competence in speaking in worship settings.
- Develop talks of different lengths.
- Understand the need for a variety of preaching styles.

Required Text/Readings

- Carrell, Lori. *Preaching that Matters*: (2013) New York: Rowman and Littlefield.
- Ward, R. (1992). *Speaking from the Heart: Preaching with Passion*. Nashville, Tennessee: Abingdon Press.

Recommended Text/Readings

- Hamilton, A. (2003). *Unleashing the Word: Preaching with Relevance, Purpose, and Passion*. Nashville: Abingdon Press.

- Maxwell, John. *Everyone Communicates, Few Connect*: Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson.
- Lowry, Eugene. *The Homiletical Plot*. (2001) Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press.

Live Collaborate Class Sessions

Mondays, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm ~ All times Central Time (CT) Zone

April 2024

1. April 1, 2024
2. April 8, 2024
3. April 15, 2024
4. April 22, 2024
5. April 29, 2024

May 2024

1. May 6, 2024
2. May 13, 2024
3. May 20, 2024
4. May 27, 2024

Intensive / Skills Demonstration

June 4 – June 7, 2024, ~9:00 am to 12:30 pm Central Time via Collaborate Course Room