

PREA 6200 Preaching Practicum

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Graduate Division

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Mission Statement

The mission of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Course Purpose, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies Addressed

The purpose of this course is to provide quality theological education for students in the discipline of pastoral ministries. The core value mission focus for this year is “Characteristic Excellence: What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” The course will specifically address the competencies of biblical exposition, worship leadership, and spiritual and character formation.

Course Description

In this course, sermons preached by students in class as well as previously recorded sermons will serve as the basis for a study of preaching content, structure, and style.

Prerequisite: PREA5300 Proclaiming the Bible.

Student Learning Outcomes (or Objectives)

By the end of the course, the student should:

1. Be able to apply homiletical concepts, principles, and resources helpful for effective oral interpretation of Scripture, sermon construction, and sermon delivery;
2. Value Christian proclamation as a vital part of personal ministry;
3. Demonstrate acceptable proficiency in performing Christian proclamation with the aid of an instructor or course resources, whether as one called to preach or as one with another ministry Christian calling.

Course Teaching Methodology (or Methods)

Lectures and other instructional methods will be utilized to review and teach important fundamentals and principles about sermon construction, delivery, oral interpretation, and voice, as well as to present and discuss applicable print and other resources. Writing assignments will be required to facilitate experiential learning and skills development in sermon building and

communication. Student preaching, feedback, and group discussions will be used to promote personal insights about oral interpretation and sermon delivery. The preaching laboratory and student self-study will be important instructional components. Listener feedback forms and personal critique forms will be utilized to aid personal analysis in assessing preaching competency needs and strengths of students in sermon construction and delivery.

Textbooks:

Required:

*Heisler, Greg. *Spirit-Led Preaching*. Nashville: Broadman, 2007.

*McDill, Wayne. *The Moment of Truth: A Guide to Effective Sermon Delivery*. Nashville: B & H Publishing, 1999.

Course Requirements

Students are required to:

1. Submit a book review of both Heisler's *Spirit-Led Preaching* and McDill's *Moment of Truth*. The reports should include a short summary of the content and then offer an assessment of both the strengths and weaknesses of the work. Reports should be four-five pages (typed, double-spaced, 12 font, New Times Roman) following the rules of Turabian.

Due: Heisler: 2/20, McDill 4/16

2. Prepare Message # 1 which is 20-25 minutes in duration and based on any passage from the Old Testament. The message will be delivered in class. Students must turn in a sermon outline on the day of the sermon to the professor.

Notes: students may not miss class on their scheduled presentation day. Also, on the day of sermon delivery, students are expected to dress in a manner that is consistent with his or her philosophy of ministry.

Due: TBA

3. Prepare Message #2 which is 20-25 minutes in duration and based on a passage from a New Testament epistle where the focus is either on the edification of the saints or some specific doctrine of the faith. The message will be delivered in class. Students must turn in a sermon outline on the day of the sermon to the professor.

Notes: students may not miss class on their scheduled presentation day. Also, on the day of sermon delivery, students are expected to dress in a manner that is consistent with his or her philosophy of ministry.

Due: TBA

4. Complete: A Sermon Evaluation Form (SEF) following each student's message (note: the instructor will supply copies of the feedback form for daily use).

5. Complete a final exam. The final exam will cover class notes and the required textbooks. The exam will be a take-home, open-book exam.

Course Evaluation

Book Review 1	50 points
Book Review 2	50 points
Message 1	150 points
Message 2	150 points
SEF's	100 points
Final Exam	100 points

Total Points Possible 600 points

Grade Calculation: Total Points Earned divided by Total Points Possible (600)

<u>Letter</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Points</u>
A	93-100	555 total points earned or more
B	85-92	507 – 554 total points earned
C	77-84	459 – 506 total points earned
D	70-76	417 – 458 total points earned
F	Below 70	416 points earned or less

Course Schedule

Date	Assignment
1/23	Introduction, Class Overview; Preaching Assignment Dates Preaching Review
2/6	Msg # 1: Msg # 1: Msg # 1: Msg # 1: Msg # 1: Msg # 1:
2/20	Book Review on Heisler's work Due Msg # 1: Msg # 1: Msg # 1: Msg # 1: Msg # 1:

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3/5	Msg # 1: Msg # 1: Msg # 1: Msg # 1: Msg # 1: Msg # 1:
3/19	Msg # 2: Msg # 2: Msg # 2: Msg # 2: Msg # 2: Msg # 2:
4/2	Msg # 2: Msg # 2: Msg # 2: Msg # 2: Msg # 2: Msg # 2:
4/16	Book Review on McDill Due Msg # 2: Msg # 2: Msg # 2: Msg # 2: Msg # 2: Msg # 2:
4/30	Final Exam Due, Final Comments

Additional Items

- If any student has special learning needs, please contact the professor.
- Due to the nature of the preaching event and the reality that Sunday comes every week regardless of the minister's preparation or busy schedule, and in an effort to create accountability for the student to the high calling of ministry, work will not be accepted after the date due.
- Since this class meets every other week, each student is strongly recommended to be at every class. While life and ministry occurs, and grace may be given for "emergencies," any student who misses 2 classes without special prior permission will be asked to withdraw from the class.

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