# CM511 Homiletics

## Short Syllabus

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## Course description

This course surveys various methods of analyzing the biblical text in order to develop an expository sermon to be given to a congregation. This course also surveys various approaches to the sermon and analyzes which approaches work best in various contexts. This course also involves peer and instructor evaluation of sermons prepared and delivered by the student.

## Required textbooks

Chapel, Bryan. *Christ-centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2018. ISBN: 0801099749. 400 pages. Cost: about $20. Previous editions may also be used, and cost less.

Craddock, Fred B. *Preaching*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1985, 2010. ISBN: 0687659949 or 0687336481. 224 pages. Very good used books, about $11. Any edition is acceptable.

Robinson, Haddon W. *Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2014. ISBN: 9780801049125. 244 pages. Approximate cost: $15. Any edition.

Vines, Jerry, and Adam B. Dooley. *Passion in the Pulpit: How to Exegete the Emotion of Scripture*. Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2018. ISBN: 978-08024-1838-8. 206 pages. Hardcover edition currently in short supply; Kindle version available for $10.

Please obtain these books before the class begins. To find the lowest prices on these books, you may find it helpful to use www.bookfinder.com.

# Requirements and assignments

1. **View:** the 6 video lecture sessions (approximately 50 minutes each) and follow along with the provided PowerPoint.

2. **Participate.** Part of the learning in this class occurs through discussion and interaction among the students. This interaction will occur through comments posted on the website discussion forum. This will include commenting on sermons given by other students.

3. **Read the Kaiser PDF and the textbooks.** They total about 1300 pages of required reading. ***The more you can read before lectures begin, the further along you will be in this class.***

4. **Write Papers.** This counts for 20% of the final grade. We estimate that you will need about 22 hours to work on these papers.

   a. Book Review: *Toward an Exegetical Theology*, Kaiser. PDF of required chapters will be supplied. (2–6 pages)

   b. Book Review: *Biblical Preaching,* Robinson. (Minimum 3 pages total)

   c. Book Review: *Preaching,* Craddock. (2-4 pages)

   d. Book Review: *Christ-Centered Preaching,* Chapell. (2-4 pages)

   e. Book Review: *Passion in the Pulpit,* Vines & Dooley. (2-4 pages)

5. **Submit:** a 1-page analysis/observations about the techniques/ methodology used in two video presentations (links are provided in the weekly schedule).

6. **Preach Three Sermons:** Each student will present three sermons (minimum 20 minutes – maximum 40 minutes in length). These sermons are to be uploaded to YouTube and the link supplied to the instructor no later than the Sunday of the week in which each is due.