

#532 Homiletics 4  
Western Reformed Seminary  
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Pastoral Mentorship Program  
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## **COURSE INFORMATION**

### ***Working with your pastoral mentor***

Since this is a practical preaching course, you will be working with both your instructor and with your pastoral mentor. There are no concentrated classes associated with this class, but rather a continuous working with your mentor in a church context. You will complete the written assignments and the test at home, and will be delivering your sermons in your church or other approved venue, with your mentor evaluating them and discussing them with you. You may preach them in a special session with your pastor and a few other volunteers listening and evaluating, not necessarily in a church service. The results of these sermons and evaluations will be sent to your instructor, who will issue the final grade.

### ***Reading and review assignment***

Select and read a book on homiletics or on homiletics and pastoral theology. Write a brief evaluation of the book. (Library of Congress section BV 4200-4320)

### ***Three main preaching assignments***

During the semester you will prepare and deliver three sermons.

- Expository (2 sermons; one OT and one NT)
- Funeral (1 sermon; describe fictitious person before beginning of sermon)

These sermons may be given in any order during the progress of the course.

Each sermon assignment will consist of three parts:

#### **1. *Sermon outline***

For each sermon you will prepare a sermon outline, to be sent to your online instructor at least a week before you deliver the sermon. You should also discuss this outline with your pastoral mentor before delivering your sermon. You may make changes in your outline prior to delivering your sermon.

## **2. *Sermon delivery***

Each sermon is to be 20-25 minutes long when delivered. You will need to video record your sermon.

## **3. *Sermon self-evaluation***

After you preach each sermon, fill out the first part of the Self-evaluation form (download from our website). Then, after watching and listening to your recorded sermon, fill out the rest of the Self-evaluation form. Send a copy of this form to your online instructor. Also send copies of the evaluations written by your pastoral mentor and the others who listened to your sermon. You may send them via regular mail or by scanned files.

## ***Chapel message***

In addition to the three classroom sermons, you will deliver at least one Bible meditation in the seminary chapel during the concentrated sessions. It is not necessary to turn in your outline or evaluation of this sermon. This assignment will be graded on a pass/fail basis.

## ***Grading***

- Sermon outlines 15% (5% each sermon)
- Sermon delivery 45% (15% each sermon)
- Sermon self-evaluations 15% (5% each sermon)
- Reading assignment 15%
- Chapel message(s) 10%