

Syllabus for Homiletics - Juniors

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Objectives:

- ◆ To grow in faith, love and holiness by the power of the Spirit.
- ◆ To improve our ability to Preach the Gospel.

Textbooks: *Preach the Gospel.*

Other Reading: A list of related books is provided. Handouts will occasionally be provided.

Credits: 4 credits per semester for this class combined with “Homiletics all.”

Preaching: You will write each aspect of a sermon as we study that aspect over the first semester. You will also present one ILC morning chapel in first semester, which is to be a selected devotion written by someone else. (You may also be asked to present one sermon or devotion, which is to be a selected devotion by someone else, to the “Homiletics all” group to practice delivery. In that case, you may use the same sermon or devotion for both. To do that you must either select a devotion that is short enough for morning chapel or select a sermon which you can take a selection from for morning chapel.) In second semester you will prepare and deliver multiple class sermons and morning chapels. You will be able to accept preaching requests to CLC congregations after your first sermon is approved (January or February).

Presentations - I will be looking for the following (as many as apply): an introduction that is interesting and leads to the theme; a presentation that reflects joyful enthusiasm in the Word; maintains good tone and tempo; good eye contact; employs appropriate, natural gestures; uses illustrations (pictures, diagrams etc); examples from life; good questions; specific law; specific gospel; a message that has a clear purpose; positive focus; covers the main point well; covers the whole topic/ section well; shows conviction in God's Word; so that thorough preparation is evident in everything and a conclusion that ties it all together.

Evaluations: Individual assignments will be graded and critiqued. An overall evaluation is being determined on the following basis: classroom participation, homework assignments, presentations, responsibility, resourcefulness, respect for God’s saving Word and walking as a child of the Light Eph. 5:8.

A ≥96.67	B+ ≥90	B- ≥83.33	C ≥76.67	D+ ≥70	D- ≥63.33
A- ≥93.33	B ≥86.67	C+ ≥80	C- ≥73.33	D ≥66.67	F <63.33

Absences: All of you are expected to attend all classes. **Hand in all past due homework** before our class on the **day that you return** to class and have the current day’s **homework** ready at the beginning of our class on the day **that you return** to class. If an absence is such that you could not do the homework, you must ask for an extension period in which to have it done. Whether excused or unexcused, **the absence must be made up** by submitting **one full page** of your notes based on reading both the material which was assigned for that class and the applicable section from one of the other homiletics books (identify it in your summary). (If typed:2.0 spacing with one inch margins. If written: neat and a comparable length which will depend on your handwriting .) This page must be submitted **within seven days** after a return to class. **To receive credit for this course, there can ordinarily be no more than seven absences.** **Tardiness:** If you are not in the classroom when the bell rings you are tardy. Three tardy’s will equal one absence.

Office Hours: I encourage you to contact me outside of class hours with questions or concerns. I will generally be available in my office (Ingram Room 6). You may also arrange a specific time at which to meet. My office phone is an extension from the library 836-6636. My home number is 715-955-4127. But, if calling my home, call before 10:00 pm. You may also contact me via Email at “john.ude@ilc.edu”.

Chapel: You have ten minutes for everything: presentation, hymn, and prayer. You are to wear clothing that shows respect for the gospel presentation: dress coat, pants, shirt, tie and shoes.

Approval: Until you are a Senior in Seminary all sermons, chapel talks, and Dove Healthcare sermonettes are to be approved before presenting them in any public forum. Class sermons and morning chapel talks are to be approved by the instructor of “Homiletics all.” When you are vicaring they are to be approved by the supervising Pastor. Evening chapel talks may be approved by any faculty member. (For the sake of some variety of input I recommend someone else than the instructor of “Homiletics all.”) Anything presented to me for approval shall be in my hands 24 hours before it is due. If you want my suggestions set a time to meet with me. You are to run it through spelling and grammar checker (another proof reader in addition to the previous is also good) before handing it in to me.