

MTW255.7 Preaching

Name of Unit 1 (Unit Code 1)

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SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

Administrative details

Associated higher education awards	Duration)	Level	Unit Coordinator
Bachelor	One semester	Advanced	Miranda Dixon

Core or elective unit

Indicate if the unit is a

- core unit
 elective unit
 other (please specify below):

Elective: Bachelor of Ministry and Bachelor of Intercultural Studies Core / Elective: Bachelor of Theology

Unit weighting

Using the table below, indicate the credit point weighting of this unit and the credit point total for the course of study (for example, 10 credit points for the unit and 320 credit points for the course of study).

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
6 credit points	144 credit points

Student workload

Using the table below, indicate the expected student workload per week for this unit.

No. timetabled hours per week*	No. personal study hours per week**	Total workload hours per week***
3	6	9

For those students requiring additional English language support, how many additional hours per week is it expected that they will undertake?

Additional English language support: ___0___ hours per week

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Are students required have undertaken a prerequisite or co-requisite unit for this unit?

- Yes No

If **YES**, provide details of the prerequisite or co-requisite requirements below.

Prerequisite: MTG200.7 Interpreting the Old Testament and MTG201.7 Interpreting the New Testament

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC DETAILS

Brief description of the content of the unit (key topics):

This unit provides students with an opportunity to explore the discipline and practice of preaching - from the fundamental questions of what preaching is and why we do it, to an examination of the process of creating a sermon, to the art of delivering for impact. It connects strongly with the MTC formation domain, *Engaging the World/Others' Stories*. Ultimately, this unit aims to deepen students' capacity as informed and effective preachers of God's Word. The key content of the unit includes: the nature and purpose of preaching; sermon structure, genres and types; utilising the Bible in preaching; sermon delivery, public speaking and vocal health; the person of the preacher; and the ethics of preaching.

Learning outcomes for unit:

Analyse the preaching styles and sermons of others with a view to improving one's own sermons and preaching

Construct sermons which are biblically and theologically sound, demonstrate ethical and pastoral awareness, and which employ sound homiletical principles and practice

Deliver sermons utilising voice and appropriate rhetorical techniques effectively, and reflect upon their ministry experience

Assessment tasks

Type	Learning Outcome/s assessed	When assessed	Weighting
1) Student Engagement Students are evaluated on their engagement with in-class discussions and/or forums. (equiv 500 words)	1-3	Throughout the semester	10%
2) Preaching Observation x 3 Students observe and analyse of the preaching of others (1 x well-known preacher, 1 x someone from student's faith community, and 1 x other student) (1500 words)	1	Weeks 7, 10 and 14	30%
3) Sermons Students prepare, deliver and reflect upon their experience of 2 sermons (1 x class community as audience, 1 x student's church community as audience) (equiv. 3000 words)	1-3	Weeks 10 and 14	60%

2.1 Prescribed and recommended readings

Provide below, in formal reference format, a list of the prescribed and recommended readings for the unit.

- Alcántara, Jarrod E. *Crossover Preaching: Intercultural Improvisational Homiletics in Conversation with Gardner C. Taylor*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 2015
- Brown, Sally A, and Luke A. Powery. *Ways of the Word: Learning to Preach for Your Time and Place*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2016.
- Brueggemann, Walter. *Subversive Obedience: Truth Telling and the Art of Preaching*. London, UK: SCM Press, 2011.
- Campbell, Charles L. *The Scandal of the Gospel: Preaching and the Grotesque*. Louisville, KY: Presbyterian Publishing Company, 2021.
- Davis, Ellen F. *Preaching the Luminous Word: Biblical Sermons and Homiletical Essays*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 2016.
- Giver-Johnston, Donna. *Writing for the Ear, Preaching from the Heart*. Minneapolis, MN: 1517 Media, 2021.
- Jensen, Phillip D, Paul Grimmond, and Colin Marshall. *The Archer and the Arrow: Preaching the Very Words of God*. Kingsford, NSW, Australia: Matthias Media, 2010.
- Johnson, Patrick W. T. *The Mission of Preaching: Equipping the Community for Faithful Witness*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2015.
- Keller, Timothy. *Preaching: Communicating Faith in an Age of Scepticism*. London, UK: Hodder and Stoughton, 2015.
- Long, Thomas. *The Witness of Preaching* (3rd edition). Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2016.
- Pasquaerello, Michael. *Christian Preaching: A Trinitarian Theology of Preaching*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2011.
- Pasquaerello, Michael. *The Beauty of Preaching: God's Glory in Christian Proclamation*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2020.
- Robinson, Haddon and Craig Brian Larson (eds). *The Art and Craft of Biblical Preaching*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2005.
- Tizon, Al. *Missional Preaching: Engage, Embrace, Transform*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2012.
- Willimon, William H. *How Odd of God: Chosen for the Curious Vocation of Preaching*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015.