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Leadership University
4th Quarter
Communications 101: Sermon Prep

Mission Statement

To empower and equip leaders to be sent and positioned for ministry in the inner cities around the world for the cause of the gospel.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will give students an introduction to sermon preparation and delivery. They will learn how to hear God so they can minister to the audience in a relevant and life transforming way. Students will learn to use storytelling, illustrations, and relevant application in their sermon delivery.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course:

1. Students will understand exegesis in its use and format, dissecting the word in order to structure sermon outlines.
2. Students will learn both topical and expository sermon format styles.
3. Students will learn how to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit when developing a sermon.
4. Students will develop sermon delivery skills and overcome hindrances to sermon delivery such as: nervousness, loss of focus, and use of filler words.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Textbook

The following book is needed for successful completion of this course: **How to Prepare Bible Messages**. James Braga. Revised Edition, Multnomah Publishing (2005). Textbooks, workbooks, lab fees, etc. are a normal part of the cost of your education.

Photocopies of the pages will not be accepted for credit. This constitutes a breach of copyright law and drives up the cost of textbooks.

Portal Access and Usage

All TWLU classes require students to have digital access to our portal during lecture times and in order to complete all course content and assignments. The portal also gives online students the ability to access the live stream lectures (*which are in real time and cannot be retrieved at a later time*).

Attendance

You are expected to attend each class. Class attendance ensures your learning the material in its entirety. Only one excused absence will be allowed, with prior approval by the instructor. Unexcused absences are not acceptable, resulting in the loss of quiz points and inability to complete assigned work. Students are encouraged to discuss missed days with their TA to determine if an alternate option is available to obtain instruction necessary for course success.

Assignments

Students are required to complete reading assignments on time and be prepared for class discussions and activities. Students are required to complete all assignments on time, complete assigned reading and be prepared for class discussions and activities. All assignments must be entered into the portal using the Homework link at the bottom of each corresponding lesson. **Grades cannot be given to assignments that are not turned in through the portal.**

Coursework

1. Homework: is assigned weekly and can be found on the last page of the course syllabus. Homework is due one week after assigned and must be submitted before the following class period using the appropriate assignment link in the portal (*see Late Work policy*).
2. Quizzes: are mandatory and should be completed during allotted time **immediately** following the class lecture. Failure to complete at appropriate time may result in loss of points. Quizzes are viewed as “in class” quizzes and have a 10-minute time limit.
3. Midterms: are a take home assignment that may be done open book. Each midterm must be completed once the test has been started (it has a time constraint). Please do not save and try to return because it must be completed the same day it is opened, otherwise the system will automatically submit it. (*Midterms are not required in pre-requisite classes*).
4. Finals: must be done in person and are closed book. Only physical Bibles are permitted in test taking area. Please bring acceptable device to class to access your account on test taking days and any necessary batteries or cords.

Late Work

Late work without penalty will only be accepted under special circumstances and only with prior approval from the TA or Student Success (see guidelines for absences). The **late work penalty** is 10% per week. Homework assigned prior to midterms will not be accepted after the midterm exam due date. Absolutely no homework will be accepted after the last day of class.

COURSE GRADING RUBERIC

Points Possible

Quizzes (6x20)	120 points
Homework (7x25)	175 points
Midterm	150 points
Final Exam	200 points

Total points possible = **645**

Grading Scale

A = 645 - 580

B = 579 - 516

C = 515 - 451

D = 450 - 387

F = 386 - 0

PLAGERAISM AND STUDENT CONDUCT

Leadership University upholds the highest standards when it comes to development of classwork and assignments. All work should be your own.

- Plagiarism is unacceptable and will result in an immediate failure of the course. If you did not write the words, they do not belong in your paper. You cannot COPY AND PASTE anything from a book, the internet or any other source and put it in your paper.
- Do NOT include direct quotes unless the quote is cited properly and gives the author credit. Describe the material in your own words. Do not use words you do not understand.
- You are free to consult with classmates about assignments and to study for finals together, but please ensure that your work is your own. If your work looks too much like your classmates, plagiarism rules may be enforced.

Course Schedule

(Answer all homework in the online portal assignment textbox)

Dates	Topic	Assigned Reading	Assigned Homework (due following week)
Aug. 27	Introduction to communications	Pgs. 299 - 306	List the seven basic steps to preparing a sermon outline
Sept. 3	No Class due to holiday	Pgs. 286 - 297	
Sept. 10	The Call to Preach	Chapter 1 pgs. 19-35	Answer question #2 on page 35 (3 paragraphs minimum)
Sept. 17	Steps to Sermon Preparation	Chapter 2	Topical Sermon Worksheet (Complete responses in portal textbox)
Sept. 24	Topical Sermon Development	Chapter 3 pgs. 61 – 70	Midterms
Oct. 1	Expository Sermon Development	Chapter 3 pg. 71 – 80	Expository Sermon Worksheet (Complete responses in portal textbox)
Oct. 8	No class due to holiday	Chapter 3 pgs. 81- 102	
Oct. 15	Sermon Delivery Techniques	Pgs. 164-165,173-174	Attend or watch this Wednesday's night service (10-18-23). Identify and cite 3 specific places where the pastor used techniques taught in this week's lesson
Oct. 22	In Class Sermonettes	Chapter 4	Topical Sermon Essay
Oct. 29	In Class Sermonettes	Chapter 5	Expository Sermon Essay
Nov. 5	In Class Sermonettes	Chapter 6	Prepare for finals
Nov. 12	In Class Finals (last chance to give sermonette)		

Note: Course lecture schedule may be adjusted as the course unfolds. However, the book exercises and all other assignments will continue to be due on the dates identified in the schedule above.