



## ST ANDREW'S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (SATC)

**COURSE NAME:** HOMILETICS I, II, III

**COURSE CODE:** HO100 HO200/HO300

**COURSE CREDIT:** 1/2/3

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This three – year course will treat three major aspects of homiletics: the theology of homiletics, the movement from exegesis to the sermon, and the practice of preparing and preaching sermons. The treatment of the theology of homiletics will introduce students to the theology of the Word of God and of preaching, and will include consideration of the definition, purpose, and principal types of preaching and teaching. The course will also help students reflect in a general way on the culture in which preaching takes place today.

### **AIM:**

- To develop the theory and skills introduced primarily through practical application.
- To equip students to prepare and deliver sermons of various genres, including Sunday, weekday, funeral and special occasions etc.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Students will be able to:

- Understand their role and responsibilities as leaders of worship.
- Understand the principles and practice of worship and preaching.
- Demonstrate competence and confidence in preparing sermons.
- Plan, prepare and deliver sermons which are relevant, sincere and inspiring.
- Reflect on the culture in which preaching takes place today.
- Critique and analyse the expository preaching of others.
- Critique and analyse his/her own expository preaching.

### **COURSE CONTENT:**

What is Homiletics, Hermeneutics and Preaching.

The meaning and purpose of worship.

The major elements of worship.

Various Orders of worship and liturgies.

Different types of sermons.

Steps in sermon preparation, construction and delivery of sermons for special occasion. -Funerals, Wakes, Memorial Services, Prayer Meetings/Thanksgiving Services, Church Anniversary, Holy Communion etc.

Emphasis will be placed on major theological themes that are foundational to the Christian Year and their significance for preaching.

Practical sessions on communicating the Message.



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### COURSE TEXTS:

- Bartow, C. L. (2009). *The preaching moment: a guide to sermon delivery*. Dubuque: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co.
- Best, E. (1978). *From text to sermon*. Edinburgh: The St. Andrew Press.
- Buttrick, D. (1987). *Homiletics : Moves and structures*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press.
- Craddock, F. B. (1985). *Preaching*. Nashville, TN. Abingdon Press.
- Jones, L. T. (2001). *Principles and practice of preaching: A Comprehensive study of the art of sermon construction*. Nashville, TN.: Abingdon Press.
- Keck, L. E. (1978). *The Bible in the pulpit*. Nashville, TN.: Abingdon Press.
- The Bible* (a modern critical edition, preferably the New Oxford Annotated, College Edition or the HarperCollins Study Bible; any respectable scholarly translation, e.g. RSV, NRSV,)

### ADDITIONAL READINGS:

- Brown, R. M. (1961). *The Spirit of Protestantism*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Coffin, H. S. (1953). *The public worship of God*. Stratford, NH.: Ayer Co. Publishers.
- Gopaul, W. (1995). *Biblical Sermons From A Presbyterian Pulpit*. Trinidad: Carvey's Printery Ltd.
- Macleod, D. (1965). *Presbyterian worship: Its meaning and method*. Richmond: John Knox Press.
- Old, Hugh O. (1984). *A guide to Reformed tradition – Worship*. Westminster: John Knox Press.
- Sangster, W. E. (1974). *The approach to preaching*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House.

### TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES:

Lectures  
Individual presentations  
Preaching  
Sermon evaluation

### COURSE ASSESSMENT:

Attendance and class participation	10%
Reading assignments & diary	10%
Sermon manuscript	40%
Sermon delivery	40%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

Attendance and active participation at each session is the core expectation of this class.

Reading of required texts along with a written diary of responses to reading (due last class session).

Write an “*exegesis of life*” example to share with class (due 2<sup>nd</sup> class session).

Write a 1 page maximum response/evaluation to each sermon in class.

Write a sermon manuscript (due last class session)

Deliver sermon (same sermon as manuscript; 15 – 20 min. max.; 1,500 – 2,000 words) at final class session.

Write a 1-page summary of the process of preparing a sermon. Should include summary of exegesis, rationale for organization, goal, struggles, etc.