

**Note:**

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**Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours**

PS6604 Preaching from the Old Testament, 3 credit hours

**Course Description**

This course is an analysis of the structures and methods used to prepare biblical, “Big Idea,” messages from the Old Testament. It includes a study of literary competence for interpreting and applying the literary genres in the Old Testament (e.g., narrative, poetry, law, prophecy), and a study of the methods and principles for preaching creatively and redemptively.

*Prerequisites:* GM-5500, OT-5504, BI-5506, and BI-5507, BT-6601

**Course Objectives**

**After completing this course, you will be able to...**

1. Understand the nuances of various literary genres of Old Testament texts and how to preach from them.
2. Construct expository sermons, which communicate a big idea from an Old Testament Passage.
3. Combine the findings from biblical studies—including the use of Hebrew—and hermeneutics in the creative preparation of sermons.
4. Make valid application of a given Old Testament passage to listeners, locating this application in the narrative’s theological message and connecting it to the storyline of the Bible and the gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Deliver the sermon without notes in a clear, compelling way that draws listeners into the text.

**Course Textbook(s) and/or Supplemental Information**

Required textbooks for all Moody Online classes can be found on the [Required Textbooks](#) section of the Moody website.

**Assignments**

**Guideline for the Discussion Board:** Post your initial response to the discussion question by mid-week (Saturday, 12:00am CDT). Then read and respond to at least **TWO** of your classmates’ initial posts by the end of the week (Tuesday, 12:00am CDT).

**Standard for Written Papers:** All papers must be in Turabian style. Each page should be approximately 300 words, 12-pt. Times New Roman font on double-spaced lines with 1” margins. (Therefore, a 2-page paper is approximately 600 words; a 3-page paper is approximately 900 words, etc.) Here is a guide to Turabian style: [http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian\\_citationguide.html](http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian_citationguide.html)

**Narrative Sermon Exegesis Assignment:** You will work on 1 Samuel 17:1-58. The first part of your sermon preparation will be an exegetical assignment. This assignment must be at least three typed, single-spaced pages.

**Narrative Sermon Outline and Manuscript Assignment:**

Outline: Prepare a one-page outline of your sermon. The outline points must be written as *complete sentences*.

Manuscript: Prepare a single-spaced manuscript of about three pages. This manuscript should read like an oral transcript of your sermon and should not have outline points.

**Narrative Sermon Delivery Assignment:** Preach a 25-30 minute expository sermon on your assigned narrative text. Preferably, deliver this in a ministry setting (worship service, youth group meeting, chapel service, etc.).

**Narrative Sermon Critique:** For Discussion Board #7, you will critique the video-recorded sermons of the next two classmates on the class list.

**Law Sermon Assignment:** This assignment consists of preparing *preliminary* outlines and applications for two OT legal texts. These outlines and applications are “preliminary” because you will not have time to do a full exegetical study. The goal is to get you familiar with working in OT legal texts.

**Poetic Sermon Exegesis Assignment:** You will work on Psalm 46. The first part of your sermon preparation will be an exegetical assignment. This assignment must be at least three typed, single-spaced pages.

**Poetic Sermon Outline and Manuscript Assignment:**

Outline: Prepare a one-page outline of your sermon on Psalm 46. The outline points must be written as *complete sentences*.

Manuscript: Prepare a single-spaced manuscript of about three pages. This manuscript should read like an oral transcript of your sermon and should not have outline points.

**Wisdom Sermon Assignment:** Prepare a sermon outline for Ecclesiastes 3:1-14. Begin by reading through the text a couple of times on your own. Then, prepare a one-page sermon outline as well as a discussion of how you might apply this text to your congregation.

**Prophetic Sermon Assignment:** There are two parts to this assignment.

1. Insights from Reading—Share six insights you discovered about preaching OT prophetic literature from your reading.
2. Sermon Outline and Application of Zephaniah 1:1-18

### Assessments

Assessments (# in parentheses)	% of Total
Discussions (7)	15%
Narrative Sermon Exegesis, Outline, Manuscript, Delivery	25%
Poetic Sermon Exegesis, Outline, Manuscript	20%
Reading	10%
Law Sermon Assignment	10%
Wisdom Sermon Assignment	10%
Prophetic Sermon Assignment	10%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Description
A	96 – 100	Exceptional work
A-	94 – 95	Excellent work
B+	92 – 93	Very good work
B	89 – 91	Good work
B-	87 – 88	Above average work
C+	83 – 86	Average work
C	79 – 82	Work needs improvement
C-	75 – 78	Minimally acceptable work
F	< 75	Unacceptable work

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