



The University of Manchester



School of Arts, Languages & Cultures, Faculty of Humanities

COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTOR

GENERAL INFORMATION

Course Unit title	Preaching, Worship and Pastoral Care
Unit code	456
Credit rating	30
Level	7
Contact hours	40
Pre-requisite units	None
Co-requisite units	None
School responsible	Spurgeon's College with School of Arts, Languages and Cultures
Member of staff responsible	Rev. Seidel Abel Boanerges and Rev. Dotha N. Blackwood
ECT	15
Notional hours of learning	300

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE UNIT

This unit, intended for ministers in training, explores the disciplines of preaching, leading worship and pastoral theology. It considers a biblical and theological framework as well as the post-modern setting of the Church. Questions about the nature and purpose of the ministerial task are explored. Students critically examine different approaches to preaching, different liturgical traditions and styles, and the place of symbols and sacraments in worship and pastoral care. Resources are provided for the rites of passage, and methods of organising and administering pastoral work are explored. Students are introduced to the theory and practice of preaching.

AIMS

To equip students with theological tools and practical skills to reflect theologically and critically on the practice of ministry in the local context, and to develop further the skills required for the tasks of preaching, pastoral care and liturgical leadership.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

Category of outcome	By the end of this unit students should be able to:
Knowledge and understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify significant theological and biblical resources for pastoral leadership
Intellectual skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> articulate a theology of preaching appropriate to today's society describe the dimensions of pastoral theology today
Practical and transferable skills; personal qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> construct sermons in different styles and formats prepare and lead public worship with confidence and practical skill offer pastoral care with confidence

ASSESSMENT

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
Formative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class presentation 	30 minutes	n/a
Summative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two essays • A recording of the student leading a service of worship* • A recording of a live sermon* 	3500-4000 words each	50% each pass / fail* pass / fail*
<p>* Students are required to pass the starred elements. So long as this is in place they will be eligible for compensation if the overall unit mark is in the compensation zone (40-49% for MA students; 30-39% PG Dip/Cert students), and the compensatable credit allowance as set out in the Degree Regulations has not been exceeded.</p>		

FURTHER INFORMATION

Semester	
Available on which programme(s)?	MTh (pathway ACS) and MA
Content	Preaching – Theological Foundations Preaching – Sermon Structures Preaching – Culture and Context Worship – Process and Approach Reading & Reflection Week Worship – Culture and Context Worship – Liturgy and Liberty Pastoral Care – Theological Foundations Pastoral Care – Culture and Context Pastoral Care – Organising and Planning Pastoral Theology Reflections
Teaching method	Interactive lectures and group work
Additional eLearning content	Unit materials are available at Spurgeon's <i>Online</i> to support student learning
Feedback	Written feedback within 15 working days from submission
Date of approval (for office use)	
Information updated on	July 2015

INDICATIVE READING

- Ballard, Paul H., and Stephen R. Holmes, *The Bible in Pastoral Practice* (London: Darton, Longman & Todd, 2005)
- Baker, J., D. Gay and J. Brown, *Alternative Worship* (London: SPCK, 2003)
- Baxter, Richard, *The Reformed Pastor* (Edinburgh: Banner of Truth, 1974)
- Clebsch, W. A., and C.R. Jaekle, *Pastoral Care in Historical Perspective* (Northvale, N.J.; London: Aronson, 1994)
- Craddock, Fred, *Preaching* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1985)
- Day, David, Jeffrey Astley and L. Francis (eds), *A Reader on Preaching: Making Connections* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2005)
- Ellis, Chris, *Gathering – A Theology and Spirituality of Worship in the Free Church Tradition* (London: SCM, 2004)
- Goodliff, Paul W., *Care in a Confused Climate* (London: Darton, Longman & Todd, 1998)
- Greene, M., *Thank God it's Monday* (London: Scripture Union, 2001)
- Lang, B., *Sacred Games – A History of Christian Worship* (New Haven & London: Yale University Press, 1997)
- Leach, J., *Living Liturgy* (Eastbourne: Kingsway, 1997)
- Lischer, R. (ed.), *The Company of Preachers: Wisdom on Preaching from Augustine to the Present* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002)
- Long, T., *The Witness of Preaching*, 2nd edn (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2005)
- Long, T.G. and E. Farley (eds), *Preaching as a Theological Task: World, Gospel, Scripture* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1996)
- Oden, T., *Pastoral Theology: Essentials of Ministry* (Harper San Francisco, 1983)
- Richter, P., and L. Francis, *Gone but not Forgotten. Church leaving and returning* (London: Darton Longman and Todd, 1998)
- Tidball, Derek, *Skilful Shepherds. Explorations in pastoral theology* (Leicester: IVP, 1986, 2nd edn Leicester: Apollos, 1997)
- Torrance, J. B., *Worship, Community and the Triune Grace of God* (Carlisle: Paternoster, 1996)
- Witvliet, John D., *Worship Seeking Understanding* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2003)