DL9002W  Homiletics
This unit provides an introduction to the theology and practice of Christian preaching. It examines the nature of preaching and the place of the sermon in the service of worship.

Attention is given to discussing the role of the preacher, including such issues as authority, motivation and the ethics of persuasion. The activity of the listeners in the preaching experience will also be examined. The course will address matters of preparation, including consideration of the context, the selection and responsible interpretation of texts and themes and the adoption of appropriate structures, styles, images and illustrations.

Participants in the course will learn about the principles of public speaking including the use of the voice, body and personality in effective preaching. In addition to lectures, the presentation of sermons and action-reflection activities will give practical opportunities for learning through preaching and hearing.

Upon successful completion of this unit students will be able to:

1. Articulate a basic theology of preaching and the principles of public speaking.
2. Demonstrate a growing competence in preparing, presenting and evaluating sermons.
3. Discuss an appropriate treatment of texts, images and structures in relation to the context of the preaching event.

Pre-requisites:  BN8001W and CT8001W

Class Time:  Three hours of lectures and workshops

Assessment:
- One 1,000 word book review (10%)
- Three sermon presentations and critique (60%)
- (2,500 words)
- Homiletic exercises (3,500 words) (30%)

Faculty:  A Demond

Offered:  2016: Semester 2

Select Bibliography:
Childers, Jana (ed.). *Birthning the sermon: women preachers on the creative process*. St Louis: Chalice Press, 2001
Noren, Carol M. *The woman in the pulpit*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1991
Quicke, Michael J. *360 degree preaching: Hearing, speaking and living the word*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2003