Point University Mission Statement

POINT UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Point University is to educate students for Christ-centered service and leadership throughout the world.

Course Description

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course equips students to apply exegetical and hermeneutical principles for contextually appropriate preaching and teaching. Students “exegete” (analyze) a ministry context and construct a transformative preaching and teaching ministry appropriate to that context.

Online Learning

ONLINE LEARNING

Point University’s College of Graduate & Professional Studies (CGPS) specializes in “distance education” for working adults and others who need a flexible learning schedule. It offers university courses and degree programs in both fully-online and hybrid formats (partly online and partly face-to-face).

CGPS delivers coursework via Sakai, a leading online Learning Management System (LMS) and Collaborative Learning Environment designed specifically for higher education. Each course has its own website through which students interact with their professor and classmates, access course materials, explore digital library resources, engage in a variety of learning activities, submit assignments, and receive grades. The latest technology enables participants to do virtually everything online that they could do in an on-ground classroom setting.

A hybrid course typically includes one face-to-face session per week using video conference technology along with online follow-up activities. Fully-online courses are primarily designed for “asynchronous” learning, which enables students to log-in and complete their studies at whatever time of the day or night they wish. Occasionally, online courses include “synchronous” sessions where students may interact with one another in real time.

Each “course week” begins on a Monday and ends on Sunday. Students should log in several times throughout the week to participate in online discussions and other activities. CGPS recommends that students complete the various readings and assignments in the order in which they are presented, but the format does allow some flexibility for students to modify their approach or even to work ahead.

Active participation in every assignment and every online discussion is expected. Students should be careful of any assignments that have specific “opening” or “closing” times, and they should regularly consult the Course Schedule to ensure they complete all work in a timely manner.

Students access all course materials via Point University’s Sakai site, which includes minimum system requirements and orientation tutorials designed to equip class members for online study.

Disability Services
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Point University offers disability services in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Director of Disability Services determines reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. She then communicates the approved accommodation to the student and the student's instructors. The Educational Resource Center provides appropriate assistance with accommodations. For more information, see the Point University website (https://point.edu/disability) or contact Ms. Jessica Mazaheri, the Director of Disability Services, by telephone (1-706-385-1480) or email (Jessica.Mazaheri@point.edu). The website includes the application process for disability services, frequently asked questions, and the grievance policy and procedure.

Faculty Information

FACULTY INFORMATION

Insert

- Faculty name
- All relevant contact information (phone, email, office location)
- Office hours (virtual and f2f)
  - Official course clock (EST, CDT, etc.) [http://www.time.gov/]

The preferred method of contact for this course is email. Please allow 24 hours for responses to email and phone messages. Keep in mind that the online discussion forums are reserved for shared classroom posts and you should email the instructor directly if there is a question, concern, or emergency.

Required Texts & Resources

REQUIRED TEXTS & RESOURCES


NOTE: The Point University Bookstore may offer this textbook(s) in other formats. Information can be found at [www.pointuniversityshop.com](http://www.pointuniversityshop.com).

Course Technology

COURSE TECHNOLOGY

Sakai is the current learning management system of Point University. For the best user results, we recommend checking your computer for the following checklist prior to logging into your course.

System Requirements

- Windows PC or Mac with audio and video capabilities (sound card with speakers or headphones/ear buds). Typically found in most computers by clicking on the Start icon, then Control Panel, and/or Sound.
- High speed internet access. Typically found in most computers by clicking on the Start icon, then Control Panel, and Network or Internet.
Technical Assistance
Keep in mind that Sakai technical assistance options are available by selecting the "Sakai Help" button located on the homepage of your course.

Course Learning Goals & Objectives

COURSE LEARNING GOALS & OBJECTIVES

TIME REQUIREMENTS & COMMITMENTS
This course is 3 credit hours. Regarding time on task, students can expect to spend approximately 16 hours per week for an undergraduate course.

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<td><strong>Goal 1:</strong> Identify the essential components of effective communication.</td>
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<td><strong>Objective 1.1:</strong> Students will identify and describe three basic components for effective communication for contextual transformation.</td>
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<td><strong>Objective 1.2:</strong> Students will define and describe the terms <em>didaskalia</em> and <em>kerygma</em>.</td>
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<td><strong>Objective 1.3:</strong> Students will distinguish between various forms of sermons, including expository, topical, narrative, and practical preaching.</td>
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<td><strong>Objective 1.4:</strong> Students will identify and analyze barriers to transformation through preaching and teaching</td>
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<td><strong>Goal 2:</strong> Equip students with the essential biblical exegetical and hermeneutical tools for preaching and teaching.</td>
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<td><strong>Objective 2.1:</strong> Students will identify, describe, and apply essentials exegetical and hermeneutical tools to determine the willed intent of the author of a biblical text.</td>
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<td><strong>Objective 2.2:</strong> Students will apply biblical exegetical and hermeneutical tools to prepare a sermon manuscript.</td>
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<td><strong>Goal 3:</strong> Equip students with the essential tools to exegete a ministry context for effective communication.</td>
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<td><strong>Objective 3.1:</strong> Students will create a contextual profile of his or her ministry context.</td>
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<td><strong>Objective 3.2:</strong> Students will propose a contextual approach to communicating for change within his or her ministry context.</td>
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Course Schedule

Grading Policies

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Course Evaluation Plan
An assessment instrument (checklist, rubric, quiz, etc.) will accompany each major graded assignment. See the instructions for specific assignment criteria and accompanying grading instruments.

Points Distribution
Graded assignments will be distributed as follows:

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<td>Discussion Forums</td>
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<td>Contextual Analysis</td>
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<td>Sermon</td>
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Final Grades
The following scale will be used when calculating final grades:

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<td>A</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>60-69%</td>
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<td>F</td>
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Final grades will be posted according to the Academic Calendar. [http://point.edu/academic-calendar/](http://point.edu/academic-calendar/)
Please consult with your program of study or advisor ([http://point.edu/academic-advising/](http://point.edu/academic-advising/)) if you are required to maintain a specific GPA to successfully complete this course.

Checking Grades
Be sure to check your grades often via the [Sakai](https://sakai.point.edu) online Gradebook.

For academic policies governing attendance, late assignments and student support, please refer to the Academic Catalog directly ([https://point.edu/catalogs/](https://point.edu/catalogs/))

Course Expectations

**EXPECTATIONS**

Etiquette & Netiquette

Students are expected to be respectful and well-mannered towards the instructor and their peers, whether in the physical classroom or the online course site. For guidance on meeting this expectation, particularly in the online environment, please review these resources:

- Netiquette
- What every online student needs to know
- Netiquette guide for online courses
- Discussion board netiquette

This course is designed to be both a collaborative and individual learning effort. It is essential that each student actively participate in all discussion forums.

It is not expected that each of you will agree while discussing important topics in this course. If you disagree with another student, you will provide well reasoned responses with gentleness and respect.

Turnitin Requirement

It is especially important that students write their papers with the utmost integrity. Point University and the Access program have high expectations regarding academic dishonesty and plagiarism. It is vital that students demonstrate that they are citing sources correctly and that they are avoiding the different types of plagiarism.

Therefore, CGPS classes will rely on Turnitin to check for originality and plagiarism of written papers. Turnitin will check student papers for originality and will highlight places where text is identical to other sources. The instructor can then determine whether the highlighted text has been used and cited properly.

Papers will be submitted using the regular assignment submission process. If Turnitin is turned on you will be able to see a percentage indicating similarity to other sources after Turnitin has processed the paper.

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Suggested Resources for Further Study

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Insert suggested resources for further study here. This should be an APA formatted reference list.

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