ENOCH ASCENSION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY · HYBRID DUAL DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

Master of Arts in Theological Studies + Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Leadership and Care

Catalog Year 2026–2027 · 100% Online · *We don't teach what to think. We awaken truth and walk in love.*

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TOTAL CREDITS	DEGREES EARNED	SHARED CREDITS	FOUR WAYS TO LEARN

Program Overview

The Hybrid Dual Degree pairs the Master of Arts in Theological Studies with the Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Leadership and Care in one continuous program of 63 credits instead of 72. The Master of Arts in Theological Studies prepares students to think theologically at an advanced level, engaging systematic theology, divine council theology, the problem of evil, and contemporary movements. The Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Leadership and Care is a professional doctorate for pastors and ministry leaders.

How EACU Is Different

Students study doctrine the way it actually developed: through Scripture, ancient texts, councils, controversies, and the many traditions that read the same Bible differently. Rather than being handed one system, students compare Catholic, Orthodox, Ethiopian, Protestant, and newer movements side by side and articulate their own theological convictions.

At the doctoral level, EACU students become the ones who walk others through the evidence. Every course requires students to examine a question from every side, then build and defend their own position, and the doctoral project turns that work into something that can be taught, published, or put into practice.

> **How the dual degree works.** Nine doctoral credits count toward both degrees. The master's degree is conferred after the Master's Portion and the Shared Courses are complete (36 credits). The Doctor of Ministry is conferred after the Doctoral Portion is complete (36 doctoral credits, including the shared courses). Students need a completed bachelor's degree to enter.

Program Outcomes

1. Apply sound theological method to major doctrines.
2. Evaluate biblical and ancient accounts of the fall of Satan and the origin of evil.
3. Explain divine council theology and its place in biblical cosmology.
4. Evaluate ministry models across contexts.
5. Lead spiritual formation and discipleship.
6. Preach for transformation.

Where This Degree Can Lead

- Senior pastor
- Denominational or network leader
- Trainer of pastors
- Author and speaker

Career paths above are examples only; EACU does not provide job placement or promise employment (Handbook Section 12).

M.A. Theological Studies + D.Min. Pastoral Leadership and Care

Student: _____

Master's Portion — 27 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	FINC 501	Biblical Finance and Stewardship II	3	
☐	MHLT 501	Biblical Mindset and Mental Health II	3	
☐	BIBL 510	The Old Testament in Its Ancient Near Eastern and Second Temple Context	3	
☐	BIBL 520	The New Testament in Its Second Temple and Greco-Roman Context	3	
☐	THEO 610	Systematic Theology: Method and Doctrine	3	
☐	THEO 620	The Fall of Satan and the Problem of Evil	3	
☐	THEO 630	Divine Council Theology and Biblical Cosmology	3	
☐	THEO 640	The Doctrine of Forgiveness and Reconciliation	3	
☐	THEO 650	Contemporary Theological Movements	3	

Shared Courses (count toward both degrees) — 9 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	EACU 800	Doctoral Orientation and Research Methods	3	
☐	BIBL 801	Advanced Interpretation: Rightly Dividing the Word at the Doctoral Level	3	
☐	EACU 880	Literature Review and Research Proposal	3	

Doctoral Portion — 27 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	FINC 801	Organizational Stewardship and Ministry Finance	3	
☐	MHLT 801	Trauma, Forgiveness, and Healing	3	
☐	PAST 810	Ministry Models and Contexts	3	
☐	PAST 820	Spiritual Formation and Discipleship	3	
☐	PAST 830	Preaching for Transformation	3	
☐	PAST 840	Leading Healthy Congregations	3	
☐	EACU 885	Research Design and Ethics	3	
☐	EACU 890	Doctoral Project I	3	
☐	EACU 891	Doctoral Project II	3	

Suggested Sequence

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 3 to 4
Master's Portion	Shared Courses; master's degree conferred	Doctoral core and major	Research Design, Doctoral Project, defense

Credit Summary

Master's Portion	27
Shared Courses	9
Doctoral Portion	27
Total Required	**63**