ENOCH ASCENSION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY · DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

Bachelor of Arts in Chaplaincy

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	COURSES	CREDITS PER COURSE	FOUR WAYS TO LEARN

Program Overview

The Bachelor of Arts in Chaplaincy prepares students to provide spiritual care in hospitals, the military, corrections, first responder, and workplace settings. Students study ministry in pluralistic settings, crisis and trauma care, grief, ethics and confidentiality, and caregiver resilience.

How EACU Is Different

Chaplains serve people of every faith and none. Students learn to understand beliefs from every side, provide care without coercion, and remain grounded in their own faith while serving in hospitals, the military, prisons, first responder agencies, and the workplace.

Every EACU degree walks students through the evidence from every side and asks them to reach, write, and defend their own conclusions, while remaining grounded in the foundation of truth. Students learn to distinguish what the biblical text states, what ancient and later traditions add, and what interpreters have concluded.

Required in every EACU degree: Biblical Interpretation (Rightly Dividing the Word), Biblical Finance and Stewardship, and Biblical Mindset and Mental Health. Every course is built with visual, auditory, reading and writing, and hands-on learning.

Please note: This degree prepares students for spiritual care in ministry, church, and community settings. It does not lead to state licensure or professional certification. Many chaplaincy positions also require clinical pastoral education (CPE) units, ecclesiastical endorsement, or board certification, which are obtained separately. Some chaplaincy settings, such as hospitals and the military, also require degrees from recognized accredited institutions.

Program Outcomes

1. Provide spiritual care across faiths and settings.
2. Respond to crisis, trauma, and grief.
3. Serve within military, healthcare, corrections, and workplace settings.
4. Maintain ethics and confidentiality.
5. Sustain personal resilience as a caregiver.

Where This Degree Can Lead

- Volunteer or staff chaplain
- Workplace or first responder chaplain
- Hospice and healthcare spiritual care
- Further study in the M.A. in Chaplaincy

Admission

A high school diploma or equivalent. See Admissions for full requirements.

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

General Education — 36 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	ENGL 101	Composition I	3	
☐	ENGL 102	Composition and Research Writing	3	
☐	COMM 101	Speech Communication	3	
☐	MATH 110	Quantitative Reasoning	3	
☐	SCIE 110	Introduction to Natural Science	3	
☐	HIST 110	Ancient Civilizations of the Near East and Africa	3	
☐	HIST 210	African American Religious History	3	
☐	PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	
☐	SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology	3	
☐	HUMN 110	Literature and Sacred Texts	3	
☐	PHIL 110	Critical Thinking and Logic	3	
☐	TECH 110	Digital Literacy and AI	3	

EACU Required Core — 15 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	EACU 100	EACU Orientation: Learning to Think for Yourself	3	
☐	BIBL 101	Biblical Interpretation I: Rightly Dividing the Word	3	
☐	FINC 101	Biblical Finance and Stewardship I	3	
☐	MHLT 101	Biblical Mindset and Mental Health I	3	
☐	RELG 201	Comparative Religions and Worldviews	3	

Bible and Ancient Texts Core — 15 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	BIBL 201	Old Testament Survey and Ethiopian Canon	3	
☐	BIBL 202	New Testament Survey, Canon Formation, and Christian Origins	3	
☐	BIBL 301	Biblical Interpretation II: Hebrew and Greek Tools	3	
☐	BIBL 302	Second Temple Literature: Enoch, Jubilees, and Maccabees	3	
☐	THEO 201	Theology Survey	3	

Suggested Sequence

Year 1
Orientation, Rightly Dividing the Word, General Education

Year 2
Bible and Ancient Texts Core, Finance, Mental Health, Comparative Religions

Year 3
Major courses and electives

Year 4
400-level courses and Capstone

Major: Chaplaincy — 30 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	CHAP 310	Introduction to Chaplaincy	3	
☐	CHAP 320	Ministry in a Pluralistic Setting	3	
☐	CHAP 330	Crisis and Trauma Care	3	
☐	CHAP 340	Grief, Death, and Dying	3	
☐	CHAP 350	Military Chaplaincy	3	
☐	CHAP 360	Healthcare and Hospice Chaplaincy	3	
☐	CHAP 370	Corrections, First Responder, and Workplace Chaplaincy	3	
☐	CHAP 380	Ethics and Confidentiality	3	
☐	CHAP 410	Self-Care and Resilience for Caregivers	3	
☐	CHAP 420	Chaplaincy Practicum	3	

Electives — 21 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	ELEC	Elective 1	3	
☐	ELEC	Elective 2	3	
☐	ELEC	Elective 3	3	
☐	ELEC	Elective 4	3	
☐	ELEC	Elective 5	3	
☐	ELEC	Elective 6	3	
☐	ELEC	Elective 7	3	

How to choose electives. Students select 7 courses with their academic advisor from the **EACU Approved Elective List**, updated each term. The list includes courses from every EACU major and courses taught by approved guest instructors. Up to 15 elective credits may be used toward a minor in another EACU field, and approved transfer credit may also count toward electives. Suggested: Biblical Counseling, Mental Health, Evangelism and Missions, Pastoral Leadership.

Capstone — 3 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	CHAP 490	Capstone Project	3	

Students complete a supervised chaplaincy practicum and a reflective case study.

Credit Summary

General Education	36
EACU Required Core	15
Bible and Ancient Texts Core	15
Major	30
Electives	21
Capstone	3
Total Required	**120**