ENOCH ASCENSION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY · DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts

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 Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts takes students beyond survey-level knowledge into the languages, manuscripts, and interpretive traditions behind the Bible. Students read the Old and New Testaments within their ancient Near Eastern, Second Temple, and Greco-Roman settings, work with Hebrew and Greek tools, and study the writings that shaped how the biblical authors and their first readers understood the world, including 1 Enoch, Jubilees, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The degree prepares teachers, authors, and ministry leaders to speak about Scripture and its ancient world from a scholarly perspective.

How EACU Is Different

EACU does not hand students conclusions. Each course walks through the evidence from every side, then asks students to reach and defend their own findings. Students trace how the Watcher tradition of Genesis 6 is expanded in 1 Enoch and echoed in Jude and 2 Peter, and how Old Testament themes unfold across the New Testament through progressive revelation.

Throughout the program, students distinguish what the biblical text states, what an ancient text expands, and what later interpreters concluded, engaging ancient writings with scholarship and discernment while remaining grounded in the foundation of truth.

> **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.

Program Outcomes

1. Conduct exegesis using Hebrew and Greek language tools.
2. Interpret the Old and New Testaments within their ancient Near Eastern, Second Temple, and Greco-Roman contexts.
3. Evaluate the Watcher tradition and its reception from Genesis 6 through 1 Enoch, Jude, and 2 Peter.
4. Explain how manuscripts, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and canon history shape the Bible we read today.
5. Apply advanced biblical study to finance, mental health, and leadership.
6. Complete and defend graduate-level research or an applied project.

Where This Degree Can Lead

- Bible teacher or adjunct instructor
- Curriculum writer and ministry education leader
- Author, speaker, or content creator on Scripture and ancient texts
- Nonprofit and marketplace ministry leadership
- Further study in the D.Min. in Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts

Admission

A completed bachelor's degree. See Admissions for full requirements.

M.A. in Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts

Degree Completion Plan · Student: _____

EACU Required Core — 12 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	EACU 500	Graduate Orientation and Research	3	
☐	BIBL 501	Biblical Interpretation III: Advanced Rightly Dividing the Word	3	
☐	FINC 501	Biblical Finance and Stewardship II	3	
☐	MHLT 501	Biblical Mindset and Mental Health II	3	

Bible Core — 6 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	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	

Major: Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts — 15 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	BIBL 610	Biblical Languages for Exegesis: Hebrew and Greek	3	
☐	BIBL 620	1 Enoch and the Watcher Tradition: Genesis 6, Jude, and 2 Peter	3	
☐	BIBL 630	The Old Testament in the New: Progressive Revelation	3	
☐	BIBL 640	Canon, Manuscripts, and the Dead Sea Scrolls	3	
☐	BIBL 650	Divine Council, Cosmology, and the Unseen Realm in Ancient Texts	3	

Capstone — 3 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	BIBL 690	Master's Thesis or Applied Project	3	

Students complete either a research thesis or an applied project such as a teaching series, curriculum, or book manuscript, and defend it before faculty. With advisor approval, one major course may be replaced by a course from the EACU Approved Elective List.

Credit Summary

EACU Required Core	12
Bible Core	6
Major	15
Capstone	3
Total Required	**36**

Suggested Sequence

Term 1
Graduate Orientation, Advanced Rightly Dividing the Word

Term 2
Bible Core, Finance II, Mental Health II

Term 3
Major courses

Term 4
Remaining major courses and Capstone