ENOCH ASCENSION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY · DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

Bachelor of Arts 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.*

120	40	3	VARK
TOTAL CREDITS	COURSES	CREDITS PER COURSE	FOUR WAYS TO LEARN

Program Overview

The Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Leadership and Care prepares students to lead and care for a congregation or ministry. Students study pastoral ministry, preaching and teaching with the SCORRE method, pastoral care, worship practices across traditions, church administration, discipleship, and leading through change.

How EACU Is Different

Students learn pastoral ministry across traditions, not just one. They examine preaching, sacraments and ordinances, governance, and care from every side, and develop their own philosophy of ministry while learning practical skills for leading and caring for people.

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.

Program Outcomes

1. Prepare and deliver biblical messages using the SCORRE method.
2. Provide pastoral care in life events and crisis.
3. Administer and govern a church or ministry.
4. Lead discipleship and spiritual formation.
5. Lead congregations through conflict and change.

Where This Degree Can Lead

- Pastor or associate pastor
- Ministry leader or elder
- Church administrator
- Further study in the M.A. in Pastoral Leadership and Care

Admission

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

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: Pastoral Leadership and Care — 30 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	PAST 310	Introduction to Pastoral Ministry	3	
☐	PAST 320	Preaching and Teaching: The SCORRE Method	3	
☐	PAST 330	Pastoral Care and Counseling	3	
☐	PAST 340	Worship, Sacraments, and Ordinances Across Traditions	3	
☐	PAST 350	Church Administration and Governance	3	
☐	PAST 360	Discipleship and Spiritual Formation	3	
☐	PAST 370	Weddings, Funerals, and Life Events	3	
☐	PAST 380	Church Finance and Stewardship	3	
☐	PAST 410	Leading Through Conflict and Change	3	
☐	PAST 420	Pastoral Ministry 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, Chaplaincy, Biblical Teaching, Kingdom Leadership.

Capstone — 3 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	PAST 490	Capstone Project	3	

Students complete a ministry praxis project that includes a leadership development strategy, a local ministry strategy, and a statement of their philosophy of ministry.

Credit Summary

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