ENOCH ASCENSION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY · DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

Master of Arts in Biblical Marriage and Family Counseling

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 Marriage and Family Counseling prepares students to strengthen marriages and families through biblical foundations, family systems, premarital and marriage counseling, and care for children and families in crisis.

How EACU Is Different

Students examine marriage and family through Scripture, family systems research, and the real pressures families face. Every model is weighed from every side, and students learn to recognize generational patterns and trauma while knowing when to refer to licensed professionals.

At the graduate level, students weigh the biblical text, ancient witnesses, research, and later interpretation side by side, then build and defend their own position with scholarly rigor 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.

Please note: This degree prepares students for counseling within ministry, church, and community settings. It does not lead to state licensure or professional certification, including as a professional counselor or therapist.

Program Outcomes

1. Apply biblical foundations to marriage and family care.
2. Analyze family systems and dynamics.
3. Provide premarital and marriage counseling in ministry settings.
4. Support children and families in crisis.
5. Complete and defend graduate-level research or an applied project.

Where This Degree Can Lead

- Marriage and family ministry director
- Premarital and marriage counselor in ministry
- Family program leader
- Further study in the D.Min. in Biblical Marriage and Family Counseling

Admission

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

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

M.A. in Biblical Marriage and Family Counseling

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 Marriage and Family Counseling — 15 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	MFAM 610	Biblical Foundations of Marriage and Family	3	
☐	MFAM 620	Family Systems and Dynamics	3	
☐	MFAM 630	Premarital and Marriage Counseling	3	
☐	MFAM 640	Children, Adolescents, and Family Crisis	3	
☐	MFAM 650	Blended Families, Divorce, and Restoration	3	

Capstone — 3 credits

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

Students complete either a research thesis or an applied project, such as a program, 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