ENOCH ASCENSION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY · DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

Bachelor 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.*

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

Program Overview

The Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts gives students a thorough grounding in the Old and New Testaments while taking seriously the ancient writings that surrounded them, including 1 Enoch, Jubilees, the books of Maccabees, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Ethiopian canon. Students learn to read each text within its literary, historical, cultural, and linguistic setting, and to trace themes across Scripture through progressive revelation rather than reading passages in isolation.

The degree is designed for adult learners, ministry leaders, teachers, and anyone who has felt that their questions about the Bible and its ancient world were avoided rather than answered.

How EACU Is Different

Most programs tell students what a text means. EACU walks students through a text from every side and then asks them to reach, write, and defend their own conclusions. In BIBL 340, for example, students read the four Gospel accounts of Judas alongside the Gospel of Judas and the Gospel of Thomas, weigh the historical evidence, and form their own assessment.

Studying a text is not the same as endorsing it. Students learn to distinguish what the biblical text states, what an ancient text expands, and what later interpreters concluded, so they can engage these 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. Interpret Scripture using the BARC method (Background, Analysis, Revelation, Contextualization).
2. Explain how the biblical canon formed across Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and Ethiopian traditions.
3. Analyze Second Temple literature and its relationship to the Old and New Testaments.
4. Distinguish what a text states from what later traditions expand and interpreters conclude.
5. Apply biblical study to personal finance, mental health, and leadership.
6. Produce and defend original research in scholarly writing.

Where This Degree Can Lead

- Bible teacher, small group, or study leader
- Church or ministry education director
- Author, podcaster, or content creator on Scripture and ancient texts
- Nonprofit and marketplace ministry leadership
- Further study in the M.A. in Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts

B.A. in Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts

Degree Completion Plan · Student: _____

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: Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts — 30 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	BIBL 310	Biblical Typology and Progressive Revelation	3	
☐	BIBL 320	The Book of Enoch: Watchers, Giants, and Disembodied Spirits	3	
☐	BIBL 330	Jubilees and the Retelling of Genesis	3	
☐	BIBL 340	The Gospels in Context: Canonical and Non-Canonical Witnesses	3	
☐	BIBL 350	Acts and the Early Church	3	
☐	BIBL 360	Romans and the Pauline Letters	3	
☐	BIBL 410	Advanced Old Testament and Second Temple Interpretation	3	
☐	BIBL 420	Advanced New Testament Studies	3	
☐	BIBL 430	Josephus, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Early Church Fathers	3	
☐	HIST 310	Church History, Including Africa and Ethiopia	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 for this major: Christology, Soteriology, Theology Proper, Biblical Ethics, Apologetics.

Capstone — 3 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	BIBL 490	Capstone Research Project	3	

Students select one contested passage or text, examine it from every side, and defend their own conclusion in a formal research paper.

Credit Summary

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