ENOCH ASCENSION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY · HYBRID DUAL DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts + Doctor of Ministry in Theological Studies

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	DEGREES EARNED	SHARED CREDITS	FOUR WAYS TO LEARN

Program Overview

The Hybrid Dual Degree pairs the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts with the Doctor of Ministry in Theological Studies in one continuous program of 63 credits instead of 72. 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, including 1 Enoch, Jubilees, and the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Doctor of Ministry in Theological Studies is a professional doctorate for leaders who shape what communities believe and why.

How EACU Is Different

Most programs tell students what a text means. EACU walks students through a text from every side. In one course, 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.

At the doctoral level, EACU students become the ones who walk others through the evidence. Every course requires students to examine a question from every side, then build and defend their own position, and the doctoral project turns that work into something that can be taught, published, or put into practice.

> **How the dual degree works.** Nine doctoral credits count toward both degrees. The master's degree is conferred after the Master's Portion and the Shared Courses are complete (36 credits). The Doctor of Ministry is conferred after the Doctoral Portion is complete (36 doctoral credits, including the shared courses). Students need a completed bachelor's degree to enter.

Program Outcomes

1. Conduct exegesis using Hebrew and Greek language tools.
2. Interpret both Testaments within their ancient Near Eastern, Second Temple, and Greco-Roman contexts.
3. Evaluate the Watcher tradition from Genesis 6 through 1 Enoch, Jude, and 2 Peter.
4. Engage theological questions across traditions with scholarly fairness.
5. Articulate a robust theology of the gospel for ministry today.
6. Analyze biblical and ancient teaching on spiritual powers.

Where This Degree Can Lead

- Senior pastor or theological leader
- Faculty at Bible colleges and ministry schools
- Published author and conference speaker
- Founder or director of a teaching ministry

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

M.A. Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts + D.Min. Theological Studies

Student: _____

Master's Portion — 27 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	FINC 501	Biblical Finance and Stewardship II	3	
☐	MHLT 501	Biblical Mindset and Mental Health II	3	
☐	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	
☐	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	

Shared Courses (count toward both degrees) — 9 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	EACU 800	Doctoral Orientation and Research Methods	3	
☐	BIBL 801	Advanced Interpretation: Rightly Dividing the Word at the Doctoral Level	3	
☐	EACU 880	Literature Review and Research Proposal	3	

Doctoral Portion — 27 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	FINC 801	Organizational Stewardship and Ministry Finance	3	
☐	MHLT 801	Trauma, Forgiveness, and Healing	3	
☐	THEO 810	Theological Method Across Traditions	3	
☐	THEO 820	Theology of the Gospel	3	
☐	THEO 830	Spiritual Warfare and the Theology of Powers	3	
☐	THEO 840	Teaching Theology in the Church and Marketplace	3	
☐	EACU 885	Research Design and Ethics	3	
☐	EACU 890	Doctoral Project I	3	
☐	EACU 891	Doctoral Project II	3	

Suggested Sequence

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 3 to 4
Master's Portion	Shared Courses; master's degree conferred	Doctoral core and major	Research Design, Doctoral Project, defense

Credit Summary

Master's Portion	27
Shared Courses	9
Doctoral Portion	27
Total Required	**63**