ENOCH ASCENSION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY · DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

Master of Arts in Chaplaincy

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 Chaplaincy prepares chaplains for advanced spiritual care, interfaith and institutional ministry, crisis response, moral injury, and chaplaincy leadership.

How EACU Is Different

Chaplains serve people of every faith and none. Students learn to understand beliefs from every side, provide care without coercion, and remain grounded in their own faith while serving in hospitals, the military, prisons, first responder agencies, and the workplace.

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 spiritual care in ministry, church, and community settings. It does not lead to state licensure or professional certification. Many chaplaincy positions also require clinical pastoral education (CPE) units, ecclesiastical endorsement, or board certification, which are obtained separately. Some chaplaincy settings, such as hospitals and the military, also require degrees from recognized accredited institutions.

Program Outcomes

1. Articulate a theology of presence and care.
2. Minister within interfaith and institutional settings.
3. Lead crisis and trauma response.
4. Address moral injury through spiritual care.
5. Complete and defend graduate-level research or an applied project.

Where This Degree Can Lead

- Staff or lead chaplain
- Chaplaincy program coordinator
- Crisis response team leader
- Further study in the D.Min. in Chaplaincy

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 Chaplaincy

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: Chaplaincy — 15 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	CHAP 610	Theology of Presence and Care	3	
☐	CHAP 620	Interfaith and Institutional Ministry	3	
☐	CHAP 630	Advanced Crisis and Trauma Response	3	
☐	CHAP 640	Moral Injury and Spiritual Care	3	
☐	CHAP 650	Chaplaincy Leadership and Administration	3	

Capstone — 3 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	CHAP 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