ENOCH ASCENSION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY · DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

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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CREDITS BEYOND THE MASTER'S	COURSES	CREDITS PER COURSE	FOUR WAYS TO LEARN

Program Overview

The Doctor of Ministry in Theological Studies is a professional doctorate for leaders who shape what communities believe and why. Students work across traditions, examine the theology of spiritual powers, and learn to bring rigorous theology into churches, classrooms, and the marketplace.

How EACU Is Different

Students study doctrine the way it actually developed: through Scripture, ancient texts, councils, controversies, and the many traditions that read the same Bible differently. Rather than being handed one system, students compare Catholic, Orthodox, Ethiopian, Protestant, and newer movements side by side and articulate their own theological convictions.

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.

> **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. Engage theological questions across traditions with scholarly fairness.
2. Articulate a robust theology of the gospel for ministry today.
3. Analyze biblical and ancient teaching on spiritual powers.
4. Translate advanced theology into teaching and publication.
5. Design, conduct, and defend an original doctoral project.

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

Admission

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

D.Min. in Theological Studies

Degree Completion Plan · Student: _____

EACU Required Core — 12 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	
☐	FINC 801	Organizational Stewardship and Ministry Finance	3	
☐	MHLT 801	Trauma, Forgiveness, and Healing	3	

Major: Theological Studies — 12 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	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	

Research Sequence — 12 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	EACU 880	Literature Review and Research Proposal	3	
☐	EACU 885	Research Design and Ethics	3	
☐	EACU 890	Doctoral Project I	3	
☐	EACU 891	Doctoral Project II	3	

The Doctoral Project. Students identify a real problem in their ministry or field, review the literature, design and carry out a study or intervention, and present their findings in a written project defended before a faculty committee. The project may lead to a published book, curriculum, or program.

Credit Summary	
EACU Required Core	12
Major	12
Research Sequence	12
Total Required	**36**

Suggested Sequence

Year 1
Doctoral Orientation, Advanced Interpretation, Finance, Mental Health

Year 1 to 2
Major courses

Year 2
Literature Review and Proposal, Research Design

Year 2 to 3
Doctoral Project I and II, defense