ENOCH ASCENSION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY · DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

Doctor of Ministry 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.*

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

Program Overview

The Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts is a professional doctorate for leaders who want to research, teach, and write about Scripture and its ancient world at the highest level of ministry practice. Students trace biblical theology across the whole canon, study Second Temple Judaism as the world of Jesus and the apostles, and examine what ancient texts teach about the spiritual realm, including the Watchers, the Nephilim, and disembodied spirits.

The program culminates in a doctoral project that answers a real question in the student's ministry or field and produces work that can be taught, published, or put into practice.

How EACU Is Different

At the doctoral level, EACU students become the ones who walk others through the evidence. Each course requires students to examine a question from every side, weigh the biblical text, the ancient witnesses, and later interpretation, and then build and defend their own position with scholarly rigor.

Students also learn to bring their scholarship out of the classroom. BIBL 840 focuses on turning research into teaching series, books, curriculum, and media, so the work serves churches, communities, and the marketplace.

> **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. Construct a biblical theology that traces themes across the canon through progressive revelation.
2. Evaluate Second Temple literature as the context for Christian origins.
3. Analyze ancient teaching on the spiritual realm with scholarship and discernment.
4. Lead organizations with sound financial stewardship.
5. Apply trauma-informed, biblically grounded approaches to healing.
6. Design, conduct, and defend an original doctoral project.

Where This Degree Can Lead

- Senior teaching and ministry leadership
- Faculty or curriculum developer at Bible colleges and ministry schools
- Published author and conference speaker
- Founder or director of a ministry, nonprofit, or training institute

Admission

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

D.Min. in Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts

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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: Biblical Studies and Ancient Texts — 12 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	BIBL 810	Biblical Theology and Progressive Revelation	3	
☐	BIBL 820	Second Temple Judaism and Christian Origins	3	
☐	BIBL 830	The Spiritual Realm in Ancient Texts: Watchers, Nephilim, and Disembodied Spirits	3	
☐	BIBL 840	Teaching Ancient Texts in Ministry and the 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