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Universidad Católica Americana  
- San Gregorio Magno -



## **Bachelor's Degree in Catholic Biblical Anthropology**

### **Program Overview**

The Bachelor's Degree in Catholic Biblical Anthropology at the Universidad Católica Americana (UNICA) constitutes a comprehensive educational proposal that unites the Christian tradition of studying the human being (*imago Dei*) with the revelation contained in Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church, applying it to theology, morality, and pastoral studies.

In the biblical and ecclesial tradition, Biblical Anthropology is the study of the human being created in the image and likeness of God (Gn 1:26), their vocation to covenant, the reality of sin, and the promise of redemption in Jesus Christ. This discipline is fundamental for all theology, since the understanding of God passes through the understanding of man, His central mystery.

This vocation to the truth about the human being is renewed in the contemporary context through exegesis, systematic theology, and ethics—academic and professional disciplines oriented toward the rigorous study of the primary sources of faith to offer an integral and Christian vision of the human person.

The Bachelor's Degree in Catholic Biblical Anthropology at UNICA offers an interdisciplinary education that combines the study of biblical languages, fundamental theology, philosophy, and ethics, preparing professionals capable of:

- Understanding the integral constitution of the human being (body, soul, spirit) in the light of Revelation.
  - Engaging in the dialogue between faith and reason, offering a Christian response to current anthropological issues.
  - Accompanying theological and pastoral formation processes, uniting biblical science and Church Doctrine.
  - Leading research, teaching, and dissemination projects concerning the truth about the human being in academic and ecclesial contexts.
- Thanks to its virtual and hybrid modality, the program is accessible to students from various contexts, who may carry out research projects and teaching practicums in their places of residence or in partner institutions. Likewise, its bilingual offer (Spanish and English) opens doors to serve in multicultural communities and international environments. With this degree, UNICA reaffirms its commitment to the mission of the Church and society: to train professionals who are witnesses of faith in human dignity, in the spirit of the Gospel and the Social Doctrine of the Church.

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## Institutional

## Identity

The Universidad Católica Americana (UNICA) is an ecclesiastical institution of Christian-Catholic inspiration, committed to integral formation in the light of the Gospel and the living tradition of the Church. It integrates faith and reason, promotes spiritual life, and equips its students for intellectual, social, and pastoral service in contemporary society.

## Mission

To train professionals in Catholic Biblical Anthropology with academic, ethical, pastoral, and spiritual competencies, prepared to research, teach, and disseminate the truth about the human being in the light of Revelation, promoting human dignity and integral development, in fidelity to the evangelizing mission of the Church.

## Vision

To be recognized as a Catholic university of reference in the formation of biblical scholars and theological anthropologists, with impact in research, interdisciplinary dialogue, and the promotion of human dignity in America and throughout the world.

## Values

Truth, Charity, Excellence, Holiness, Unity, and Service.

## Program Technical Sheet

| Field          | Description                                                                                                          |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Program Name   | Bachelor's Degree in Catholic Biblical Anthropology                                                                  |
| Academic Level | Undergraduate / Bachelor                                                                                             |
| Duration       | 8 semesters (curricular structure organized by semesters)                                                            |
| Total Credits  | 160 credits (average of 20 credits per semester)                                                                     |
| Modality       | Virtual and hybrid (synchronous/asynchronous classes, intensive exegesis seminars, and teaching/research practicums) |
| Language Offer | Spanish / English / Bilingual (according to student selection)                                                       |
| Location       | State of Texas, U.S.A.                                                                                               |
| Degree Awarded | Bachelor in Catholic Biblical Anthropology — Universidad Católica Americana (UNICA)                                  |

## Admission Requirements (Profile and Documentation)

- Recognized High School Diploma or equivalent (GED).
- Secondary school transcript / academic record.

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- Personal essay (letter of motivation and vocational discernment toward biblical and theological studies).
- Admission interview (academic and vocational/research-based).
- One pastoral or academic recommendation.
- Demonstration of language proficiency according to the selected modality (see language section).
- For international students: compliance with current immigration and/or visa requirements.
- The university may include additional requirements in accordance with institutional and accreditation regulations.

### Formative

### Purpose

To train professionals in biblical and theological anthropology with solid preparation in exegesis, systematic theology, and philosophy, capable of promoting the integral understanding of the human being in the light of faith and reason.

### Learning Outcomes

Upon graduation, the Bachelor in Catholic Biblical Anthropology will be able to:

- Critically analyze biblical texts relevant to the constitution, vocation, and destiny of the human being.
- Apply exegetical and historical-critical methodologies to the study of Sacred Scripture.
- Integrate biblical, theological, and philosophical foundations in the study of the human person.
- Design and lead research and teaching projects in the field of theological anthropology.
- Promote dialogue between faith and the human sciences on the meaning of human life.
- Develop translation and basic interpretation skills in biblical languages.
- Use digital and technological resources for biblical and theological research.
- Research and evaluate anthropological models with a biblical and Christian focus.

### Competencies

- **Generic:** critical thinking, oral and written communication, academic leadership, teamwork, intercultural sensitivity, digital competencies.
- **Specific:** biblical exegesis, theological hermeneutics, anthropological analysis, biblical languages (Hebrew/Greek), systematic theology, Social Doctrine of the Church, teaching, and dissemination.

**Language Offer and Language Requirements**  
The program is offered in three modalities: Spanish, English, and Bilingual. Language certification requirements are equivalent to other programs (TOEFL/IELTS, DELE, or institutional exams).

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### Curriculum by Semester (8 Semesters — 160 Credits)

| Semester     | Code    | Course                                                   | Credits   | Description                                                                       | Prerequisites |
|--------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1            | ANT-101 | Introduction to Theological and Biblical Anthropology    | 6         | Fundamentals of the discipline, the concept of <i>imago Dei</i> , and Revelation. | None          |
|              | ANT-102 | Methodology of Biblical Exegesis                         | 6         | Principles of interpretation, literary genres, and textual criticism.             | None          |
|              | ANT-103 | Biblical Hebrew I (Basic)                                | 4         | Grammar and fundamental vocabulary of biblical Hebrew.                            | None          |
|              | ANT-104 | Philosophy of the Person and Human Dignity               | 4         | Introduction to classical and contemporary philosophy on the human being.         | None          |
| <b>Total</b> |         |                                                          | <b>20</b> |                                                                                   |               |
| 2            | ANT-201 | Exegesis of the Pentateuch: Creation, Fall, and Covenant | 6         | Study of Genesis, Exodus, and the foundations of the God-Human relationship.      | ANT-101       |
|              | ANT-202 | Koine Greek I (Basic)                                    | 6         | Grammar and fundamental vocabulary of New Testament Greek.                        | ANT-103       |
|              | ANT-203 | Systematic Theology I: God One and Triune                | 4         | Foundations of theology and the relationship of God with the origin of man.       | ANT-102       |
|              | ANT-204 | Logic and Theological Argumentation                      | 4         | Tools for critical thinking and construction of arguments.                        | None          |
| <b>Total</b> |         |                                                          | <b>20</b> |                                                                                   |               |

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| 3            | ANT-301 | Anthropology of the Old Testament                   | 6         | Man as <i>nephesh</i> , <i>basar</i> , and <i>ruah</i> in the Prophets and Writings. | ANT-201               |
|              | ANT-302 | Philosophical and Contemporary Anthropology         | 6         | Analysis of the main modern philosophical anthropological schools.                   | ANT-104               |
|              | ANT-303 | Theology of Original Sin and Grace                  | 4         | Biblical-theological study of fallen human nature and justification.                 | ANT-203               |
|              | ANT-304 | Fundamental Morality and Natural Law                | 4         | Principles of moral action and the vocation to holiness.                             | None                  |
| <b>Total</b> |         |                                                     | <b>20</b> |                                                                                      |                       |
| 4            | ANT-401 | Anthropology of the Gospels and the Person of Jesus | 6         | The new man in Christ and the anthropological model of the Son of God.               | ANT-201               |
|              | ANT-402 | Theology of the Covenant and Mosaic Law             | 6         | Biblical study of the Law as a path of human fulfillment.                            | ANT-301               |
|              | ANT-403 | Biblical Hebrew II (Advanced)                       | 4         | Translation and reading of biblical texts with commentary.                           | ANT-103               |
|              | ANT-404 | General Elective I                                  | 4         | Elective course in humanities or social sciences.                                    | According to elective |
| <b>Total</b> |         |                                                     | <b>20</b> |                                                                                      |                       |
| 5            | ANT-501 | Anthropology of Saint Paul: Body, Soul, and Spirit  | 6         | Exegesis of the Pauline Letters and the trichotomic/dichotomic vision.               | ANT-401               |
|              | ANT-502 | Theology of Marriage, Family, and Sexuality         | 6         | Biblical and magisterial foundations of the conjugal vocation.                       | ANT-304               |
|              | ANT-503 | Koine Greek II (Advanced)                           | 4         | Translation and reading of the New Testament.                                        | ANT-202               |



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|              | ANT-504 | Biblical Teaching Practicum I (Supervised)           | 4         | First experience in teaching faith or Scripture.                               | ANT-204               |
| <b>Total</b> |         |                                                      | <b>20</b> |                                                                                |                       |
| 6            | ANT-601 | Methodology of Biblical and Theological Research     | 6         | Design and execution of research in biblical sciences.                         | ANT-204               |
|              | ANT-602 | Social Doctrine of the Church (and the Human Person) | 6         | Deepening in the Church's social teaching applied to dignity.                  | ANT-304               |
|              | ANT-603 | Eschatology and the Fullness of the Human Being      | 4         | Study of the last things, hope, and the final destiny of man.                  | ANT-402               |
|              | ANT-604 | Research Practicum II (Intensive)                    | 4         | Intensive experience in source analysis and textual criticism.                 | ANT-504               |
| <b>Total</b> |         |                                                      | <b>20</b> |                                                                                |                       |
| 7            | ANT-701 | Anthropology of the Church Fathers (Patristics)      | 6         | Development of anthropological thought in the Tradition.                       | ANT-501               |
|              | ANT-702 | Ecumenism, Dialogue, and Interreligious Anthropology | 6         | The concept of the human being in other religions and Christian dialogue.      | ANT-402               |
|              | ANT-703 | Leadership and Dissemination of Biblical Teaching    | 4         | Leadership competencies for formation and evangelization.                      | ANT-502               |
|              | ANT-704 | Advanced Elective in Languages or Theology           | 4         | Specialized course on a biblical text or specific theological area.            | According to elective |
| <b>Total</b> |         |                                                      | <b>20</b> |                                                                                |                       |
| 8            | ANT-801 | Integrative Seminar and Degree Thesis                | 10        | Preparation and defense of an original research work in biblical anthropology. | ANT-601               |



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|              | ANT-802 | Professional Ethics and Teaching/Research Responsibility | 6         | Ethical principles in teaching, research, and professional practice. | ANT-302 |
|              | ANT-803 | Biblical Anthropology and the Human Sciences             | 4         | Integration of Revelation with psychology, sociology, and biology.   | ANT-502 |
| <b>Total</b> |         |                                                          | <b>20</b> |                                                                      |         |

### Methodology and Evaluation

- **Mixed methodology:** synchronous/asynchronous classes, exegesis seminars, biblical language workshops, intensive seminars, and field practicums in training institutes or research centers.
- **Continuous evaluation:** translation and text analysis, exegesis reports, theological essays, supervised practicums, original research, and thesis defense.
- In the bilingual modality, social and linguistic competencies will be assessed in both languages.

### Institutional Observations and Regulatory Compliance

The university will adapt documents and admission requirements according to the laws of the State of Texas and the conditions of authorization and accreditation in force for religious institutions and programs in virtual/hybrid modality.