



# Bachelor of Science in Family & Faith-Based Behavioral Sciences

The Bachelor of Science in Family & Faith-Based Behavioral Sciences at Ebed-Melech University combines the study of behavioral sciences with a focus on family dynamics and faith principles. This four-year program prepares students for careers in various fields related to human behavior, with an emphasis on integrating faith in family and community settings.



# Program at a Glance

## 120 Credit Hours

Comprehensive curriculum designed to build expertise in behavioral sciences and faith-based family studies

## 100% Online

Flexible learning format that allows you to study from anywhere while maintaining your current commitments

## 4 & 8 Week Classes

Accelerated course options that help you progress quickly through your degree program

## 3-4 Years

Complete your bachelor's degree on a timeline that works for your personal and professional goals

# Foundation Year: Building Core Knowledge

The first year establishes a strong foundation in behavioral sciences, faith studies, and essential academic skills. Students explore fundamental concepts in psychology, sociology, and religious studies while developing critical thinking and communication abilities.

## 1 — Semester 1

**ENG 101** – English Composition I (3 credits)

**MAT 101** – College Algebra (3 credits)

**PSY 101** – Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)

**REL 101** – Introduction to World Religions (3 credits)

**Elective Course** (3 credits)

## 2 — Semester 2

**ENG 102** – English Composition II (3 credits)

**MAT 104** – Statistics for Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)

**PSY 102** – Developmental Psychology (3 credits)

**SOC 101** – Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)

**Elective Course** (3 credits)





# Intermediate Studies: Deepening Understanding

Year two focuses on specialized topics in abnormal psychology, family dynamics, and cultural perspectives. Students examine the intersection of faith and family while developing a deeper understanding of human behavior across diverse contexts.

## Semester 3

- **PSY 201** – Abnormal Psychology (3 credits)
- **SOC 201** – Marriage and Family (3 credits)
- **ANT 201** – Cultural Anthropology II (3 credits)
- **REL 204** – Biblical Perspectives on Family (3 credits)
- **Elective Course** (3 credits)

## Semester 4

- **PSY 207** – Social Psychology (3 credits)
- **SOC 202** – Community and Public Health (3 credits)
- **ANT 202** – Global Perspectives on Culture (3 credits)
- **REL 216** – Faith and Community (3 credits)
- **Elective Course** (3 credits)



# Advanced Learning: Professional Development

The third year introduces advanced counseling techniques, ethical frameworks, and therapeutic approaches. Students explore family systems therapy and develop skills in diversity, inclusion, and social advocacy while integrating theological perspectives.

## Semester 5

**PSY 305** – Counseling Psychology (3 credits)

**SOC 303** – Diversity and Inclusion (3 credits)

**REL 309** – Ethics in Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)

**Elective Courses** (6 credits)

## Semester 6

**PSY 320** – Family Systems Therapy (3 credits)

**SOC 302** – Social Change and Advocacy (3 credits)

**REL 340** – Theology of Family (3 credits)

**Elective Courses** (6 credits)





# Senior Year: Mastery and Application

The final year emphasizes advanced topics, practical application, and capstone experiences. Students complete specialized coursework in family psychology, community development, and spiritual care while preparing for professional practice through internships and research projects.

## Semester 7



**PSY 405** – Advanced Topics in Family Psychology

**SOC 402** – Family and Community Development

**REL 420** – Spiritual Care in Family Dynamics

**Electives** (6 credits)

## Semester 8



**CAP 511** – Capstone Project

**INT 489** – Internship or Research Project

**Electives** (9 credits)



# Core Competencies You'll Develop



## Behavioral Science Expertise

Master psychological theories, research methods, and evidence-based practices for understanding human behavior and mental health



## Family Systems Knowledge

Develop deep understanding of family dynamics, relationships, and therapeutic interventions for diverse family structures



## Faith Integration

Learn to integrate biblical principles and spiritual care into behavioral science practice and family counseling



## Cultural Competence

Build skills in working with diverse populations and understanding global perspectives on family and community



## Counseling Skills

Acquire practical counseling techniques and ethical frameworks for supporting individuals, families, and communities



## Social Advocacy

Develop abilities to promote social change, community development, and advocacy for vulnerable populations

# Career Pathways

Graduates of this program are prepared for diverse career opportunities in behavioral health, family services, community organizations, and faith-based settings. The integration of behavioral science and faith principles opens doors to unique professional roles.



## Family Counselor

Provide therapeutic support to families navigating challenges, transitions, and relationship dynamics



## Faith-Based Counselor

Offer spiritual and emotional guidance in churches, religious organizations, and faith communities



## Community Health Worker

Support public health initiatives and wellness programs in community and nonprofit settings



## Social Services Coordinator

Manage programs and services for families, children, and vulnerable populations in social service agencies







# Why Choose Ebed-Melech University?

## Faith-Centered Education

Integrate biblical principles with academic excellence in a supportive Christian learning environment that nurtures both professional and spiritual growth

## Flexible Online Format

Study at your own pace with 100% online courses designed for working adults, featuring accelerated 4 and 8-week class options

## Practical Experience

Apply your learning through internships, research projects, and capstone experiences that prepare you for real-world professional practice

## Expert Faculty

Learn from experienced practitioners and scholars who combine academic expertise with practical knowledge in behavioral sciences and faith-based counseling



# For Such a Time as This

*"And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"*

**Esther 4:14**

Your calling to serve families and communities through behavioral science and faith is not by accident. Ebed-Melech University is here to equip you with the knowledge, skills, and spiritual foundation to make a lasting impact in the lives of those you serve.