

Master's Program in Religion, Politics and Democracy (120 ECTS credits)

The two-year master's program in *Religion, Politics and Democracy*, within the Department of Eastern Christian Studies, Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm), aims at educating future professionals and scholars in the understanding of the relationship between religious institutions and ideas and the public sphere.

This program explores the interaction and mutual influences among theological ideas, religious beliefs and practices, modern (secular) society and contemporary globalization processes. Approaching these phenomena from an Eastern Christian perspective, the courses in this program will help students learn about how theology and church practice relate to ever-changing social and political environments, how ideology (both within the church and in society) structures our perception of the social sphere, and how one can engage with social and political contexts and democratic processes in a constructive and creative way.

The program equips students with theoretical knowledge, critical analysis and writing skills necessary for future work as professionals (e.g., educators, ministers, public servants, analysts, NGO personnel and activists) or for an academic career and further research (at the doctoral level).

Length: 2 years, 120 ECTS credits

Study pace: Full-time

Type of instruction: Distance learning

Language of instruction: English

Level: University (MTh)

Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology
(University College Stockholm)

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

Year & Semester	Course Title	Credits/ECTS
Year 1 – Fall Semester	Theory and Method in Eastern Christian Studies	7.5
	Orthodox Christianity: Past and Present	7.5
	Political Theologies in Orthodox Christianity	7.5
	Religion and Politics: From Pax Romana to Pax Christiana	7.5
Year 1 – Spring Semester	Religion and Politics: From Pax Christiana to Pax Americana	7.5
	(Post)Secularization in Modern Political Philosophy	7.5
	Democracy and Liberalism: Contemporary Challenges	7.5
	Elective course	7.5
Year 2 – Fall Semester	Global Orthodoxy after 1989	7.5
	Religion, Art and Propaganda	7.5
	Elective course	7.5
	Thesis Preparation	7.5
Year 2 – Spring Semester	MTh Thesis	30

REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the program, an applicant must either have either a bachelor's degree in theology/religious studies, comprising 180 ECTS credits, or a degree in another subject which includes Religious Studies or courses in theology amounting to at least 60 ECTS credits, including a thesis worth at least 15 ECTS credits. At least 15 ECTS credits should be in Eastern Christian Studies or equivalent subject areas.

Students with other relevant subjects or an equivalent degree from an institution outside Sweden may be admitted based on the basis of individual assessment and examination by the Academic Dean.

Students may also be admitted to later parts of the program (61–120 ECTS credits) based on a special application, provided that the relevant prerequisites have been met. For more information about such special application please contact the Director of Studies.

An applicant needs to submit a letter of motivation.

English language proficiency: the English proficiency requirement for academic studies at Sankt Ignatios is equivalent to the English 6 course in Swedish upper secondary school. Students from outside Sweden, or students who cannot verify proficiency in English, are required to take an internationally recognized test (e. g. TOEFL, IELTS, or equivalent). More information about the required score on internationally recognized English tests can be found at [English language requirements \(universityadmissions.se\)](https://www.universityadmissions.se); see section *Meeting the English requirements with an English test*.

COST OF STUDY

The program is tuition-free for citizens of Sweden, citizens of an EU/EEA country and Switzerland, or if the applicant has been granted permission to live in Sweden. Students coming from countries other than those listed above are required to pay tuition fees. See [Fees&Finance](#).

HOW TO APPLY

Apply through www.universityadmissions.se or www.antagning.se until April 19, 2022.

For all questions related to the program, please visit <https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/religion-politics-democracy-120credits/> or contact Professor Davor Džalto at: davor.dzalto@ehs.se

Contacts for questions related to the application process can be found [here](#).