

Master's Program in International Relations and Ecumenism

The M.Th. program in *International Relations and Ecumenism*, offered by the Stockholm School of Theology, aims at educating future professionals and scholars in the fields of international and inter-church relations.

Relations between various Christian communities constantly evolve. Old models of cooperation and conflict between churches decline, and new emerge instead. These processes depend on both theological and socio-political factors, such as equality, gender, and a sustainable environment. This M.Th. program develops the skills of analyzing and improving the models of relations between Christian communities, and external relations with society and other religions.

After graduation, the student will be qualified to deal with an array of issues related to international relations and ecumenism, including church diplomacy, religious politics and security. Students may work in the fields of ecumenical relations, foreign affairs, for non-governmental Christian organizations and international organizations. The program also provides a ground for further research at more advanced level.

Length: 2 years, 120 ECTS credits

Study pace: Full-time

Type of instruction: On Campus and distance learning

Location: Campus Bromma

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	History of the Ecumenical Movement and WCC	7.5
	Evolution of the Church	7.5
	Interorthodox Relations and Ecumenism	7.5
	Ecclesiology in Contemporary Orthodox Theology	7.5
Year 1 - Spring Semester	Church Polity: Primacy, Authority and Decision Making	7.5
	Religion and Public Diplomacy	7.5
	Elective courses	15
Year 2 - Fall Semester	Conflict and Cooperation: Ecumenism as Vision and Praxis	15
	Thesis Preparation	15
Year 2 - Spring Semester	Thesis	30

REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the program, an applicant must either have a bachelor's degree in theology/religious studies, comprising 180 ECTS credits, or a degree in another subject which includes Religious Studies or Theological courses comprising at least 60 credits, including a thesis worth at least 15 credits. At least 15 credits should be in Eastern Christian studies or equivalent subject areas. Students with other relevant subjects or an equivalent foreign degree may be admitted based on individual assessment and examination.

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 are met.

An applicant needs to submit a letter of motivation.

The English proficiency requirements for studies is equivalent to the English 6 at 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.

COST OF STUDY

Students at Stockholm School of Theology are not required to pay tuition fees if they are citizens of Sweden or another EU country, or if they have been granted permission to live in Sweden. The information about tuition fees for other international students is available on <https://ehs.se/tuition-fees>.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply through www.universityadmissions.se or www.antagning.se.

Late applications are accepted until the end of the first week of autumn term - August 29.

For all questions related to the program please visit <https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/international-relations-ecumenism>, or contact professor Cyril Hovorun at cyril.hovorun@ehs.se.

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