



Master's Program in Religion, Politics and Democracy

The new 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 ideas and institutions and the public sphere.

This program explores the interaction and mutual influences between theological ideas, religious beliefs and practices, and modern secular society and the 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 the 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 research (at Ph.D. 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 Romana to Pax Americana	7.5
	(Post)Secularization in Modern Political Philosophy	7.5
	Democracy and Liberalism: Contemporary Challenges	7.5
	Theology and a Will for Change	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 to be admitted to 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 as part of which they have taken religious studies or theological courses worth at least 60 credits, including a thesis of at least 15 credits. Students with other relevant subjects or an equivalent foreign degree may be admitted on the basis of individual assessment and examination.

Students may also be admitted to later parts of the program (61-120 ECTS credits) on the basis of a special application, provided that the relevant prerequisites are met.

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>. However, all students registered for academic programs are required to pay a student union fee, which is 100 SEK per term for distance students.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply through www.universityadmissions.se or www.antagning.se until August 10, 2020.

For all questions related to the program please visit <https://www.ehs.se/masters-program-religion-politics-and-democracy> or contact professor Davor Džalto at davor.dzalto@ehs.se

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