

Master's Program in Religion, Politics and Democracy

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 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 an academic career and further 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	Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion, Politics and Democracy	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 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/religion-politics-democracy/> or contact professor Davor Džalto at davor.dzalto@ehs.se

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