

Master's Program in
**International Relations
and Ecumenism**
(120 ECTS credits)

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. Participants in this M.Th. program develop the skills of analyzing and improving the models of relations between Christian communities, and external relations with society and other religions.

Graduates of this program will be qualified to address an array of issues related to international relations and ecumenism, including church diplomacy, religious politics and security. Graduates of this program work in the fields of ecumenical relations, foreign affairs, for non-governmental Christian organizations and international organizations. The program also provides the foundation for further research at the doctoral level.

Length: 2 years, 120 ECTS credits

Study pace: Full-time

Type of instruction: On Campus

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/Elective Course	15
Year 2 – Spring Semester	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/international-relations-ecumenism-120credits/>, or contact Professor Cyril Hovorun at cyril.hovorun@ehs.se,

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