



SANKT IGNATIOS COLLEGE  
SANKT IGNATIOS FOLKHÖGSKOLA

# Course Catalogue

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## Two Church Families

**S**ankt Ignatios folkhögskola is the most important expression of the work of the Sankt Ignatios Foundation. The Foundation was established in 2012 by the bishops of the Byzantine and Oriental churches in Sweden, with the dual aim of supporting Orthodox education and facilitating greater co-operation and understanding between the two church families.

The Folkhögskola was established primarily to meet the need for high quality education and training for men and women from the two Orthodox families who wish to serve in their church in a variety of ministries such as priests, deacons, deaconesses, and educators, and to provide a forum where the churches can engage in theological reflection and discussion. Since then, our Foundation has become the main facilitator of inter-church communication, co-operation, and education for the Orthodox churches in Sweden, and through our teaching and scholarship we have contributed to the life of the Orthodox Church in Europe and beyond.

## Four Traditions

Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola offers an education that embraces Orthodox Christian traditions and churches. The unique education we offer takes place through our rigorous educational programs as well as through our constellation of seminaries of each tradition which embody living expressions of each tradition's faith and practice.

Four Orthodox Christian traditions are represented at Sankt Ignatios:

- Byzantine (Greek and Slavic)
- Coptic
- Syriac
- Tewahedo (Eritrean and Ethiopian)

Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola is an expression of the search for greater unity and understanding between these traditions. We believe that when we understand ourselves and one another better we can truly develop meaningful dialogue and collaboration with our brothers and sisters in the other Orthodox traditions, from a position of sympathetic understanding and confidence. We believe that by helping the people in our churches to become more aware of the roots, history, and practices of their own tradition we are equipping them to play a fuller role as active participants both in the life of their churches and within society. As informed Christians, they can make a significant contribution to building a society marked by tolerance, respect for human rights and democratic values.



## Three Kinds of Education

Our belief at Sankt Ignatios is that education is far more than training for a specific job or role, but that education enables participants to make a vital contribution to Church and society. Students admitted to Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola enter either the Allmän kurs or Sankt Ignatios College.

Sankt Ignatios offers three types of education.

Firstly, students can take the **Allmän kurs** which is a full-time, campus-based gymnasium-level education for adults who wish to go on to further vocational or academic study or to enter the workplace. The Allmän kurs is the equivalent of the education which Swedish students receive between the ages of 16-19. We also offer a preparatory program for those with little or no previous education.

Students who study the second and third types of education belong to Sankt Ignatios College.

Students who wish to prepare for service in the Church as priests, deacons and deaconesses, religious educator, cantors, Sunday School teachers and administrators study at **Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola (Specialized Education Program)** and are able to study at one of the five seminaries attached to the folkhögskola where they receive a thorough grounding in Orthodox tradition and the skills required to serve in the church. The seminary training requires students to live in the seminaries where they form a community of learning and prayer.

It is also possible for those women and men who simply wish to deepen their understanding of Orthodox faith and tradition to take free standing courses at the seminaries. These are listed on the website and the course catalogue. Many choose to study these as a way of discerning whether they are called to service in the Church.

The third form of education is a combination of the seminary training above, together with study at the **Department of Eastern Christian Studies at Stockholm School of Theology of University College Stockholm (EHS)**, leading to a bachelor's degree and professional diploma (for priests and pedagogues) or a master's degree and professional diploma (for religious educators). This form of education also includes purely academic programs at the Department of Eastern Christian Studies, leading to a degree such as Bachelor of Theology, Master of Theology (60 credits),

Master of Theology (120 credits), or Doctor of Theology. The courses taught at the Department of Eastern Christian Studies are of a high academic level and require a good level of English.

All students enrolled in the Department of Eastern Christian Studies are also enrolled in Sankt Ignatios College. This means that Sankt Ignatios College provides the student environment and student support, while courses are taught by the Department of Eastern Christian Studies (University College Stockholm).

## Our Teachers

The teachers at the Allmän kurs are experienced and committed educators and come from a wide range of backgrounds and experience. The ethos at the folkhögskola is that education involves the unlocking of each student's unique potential.

The seminary courses are taught by skilled and dedicated men and women who have a profound knowledge of their individual Orthodox traditions and a high level of academic competence. Those who instruct students in their specific pastoral and liturgical roles have a great deal of experience as pastors and church leaders.

At the College all our academic staff are members of the Department of Eastern Christian Studies. They have received the highest degrees from respected universities around the world and participate in scholarly networks and associations. That allows them to contribute to ongoing scholarly research and development both in the university and within wider international networks of scholarship in the range of scholarly disciplines in which Orthodox Christianity is studied. We aspire to produce research of the highest quality and to train the next generation of scholars and teachers through our master's and doctoral programs. We value the opportunity this affords us to contribute to church life and theological debate in Sweden from an Orthodox perspective.

## Five Pedagogical Principles

Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola offers a learning environment where students work together with teachers to find the answers they seek. We believe that education is what happens in the "conversation" between the student's own insights and the taught tradition. **Our folkhögskola courses thus employ teaching method marked by a co-operative search for knowledge, a focus on the unique experience and needs of each student, a profound respect for the sources of our faith, a pursuit of excellence, and a commitment to thoughtful and reflective service in the world.**

We strive to be a place where people from different nationalities and traditions share in the common pursuit of knowledge, where they can grow as individuals, and where teachers and students together shape a creative and thoughtful environment for addressing life's most important questions.





## OUR SEMINARIES

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*During their studies our vocational students are attached to one of our five seminaries representing the different Orthodox traditions. Each of these seminaries takes responsibility for their student's programs of study. Each seminary has its own rector.*

*The seminaries are communities of learning, common life, and prayer.*

*On the next page you will find introductions to each of our five seminaries.*



*Each seminary provides the pastoral formation of its students along with a thorough grounding in the student's own Orthodox tradition*

### **SANKT IGNATIOS BYZANTINE ORTHODOX SEMINARY**

In the Byzantine seminary students learn how to preach and teach, provide pastoral care, and conduct the liturgical services of the Byzantine tradition, both Greek and Slavic. In addition, students can also learn about liturgical music and icon painting, two of the aesthetic dimensions of the Byzantine tradition. Students in the Byzantine seminary share their everyday life, discuss their faith, and pray together. The rector of the seminary provides spiritual leadership for the seminary's life. The seminary is located in Södertälje, a 45-minute train journey from Stockholm Central station.

### **SANKT IGNATIOS COPTIC ORTHODOX SEMINARY**

The Coptic seminary prepares a seminarian to be not only a priest but a church leader and educator. The typical day of a seminarian is consequently a busy one including communal prayer, lectures, personal study, discussions and participation in the daily liturgy. Students also play a full part in the practical life of the seminary, cleaning, cooking and attending to other everyday chores. In one sense the life of the seminary resembles the life of a monastery where the rhythm of the day is shaped by study, prayer and work.

### **SANKT IGNATIOS SYRIAC ORTHODOX SEMINARY**

The Syriac seminary is a unique place for study, prayer and spiritual development for students from the Syriac Orthodox tradition. The seminary is located in a large house close to the centre of Södertälje, a 45-minute train journey from Stockholm Central station.

Here students share their daily life, preparing and eating meals, studying and discussing their faith, learning and praying together. The rector and teachers not only provide education and support for the students but also spiritual leadership. Prayers are held four times a day, and students are encouraged to take part in services in local churches of the Syriac tradition.

### **SANKT IGNATIOS ERITREAN TEWAHEDO ORTHODOX SEMINARY**

The Eritrean Tewahedo seminary is located in a large house outside of Södertälje, near Stockholm. The life of the seminary is akin to that of a monastery where students follow a daily pattern of study, work and prayer. In terms of study, students learn the practical skills and theoretical knowledge necessary to serve as pastors and leaders within the church. They learn the hymns of St Yared in Gêez, study the liturgical services of the Church and learn how to minister to the spiritual needs of the people of God. This is all taught within the context of a daily routine of prayer and liturgy and practical chores such as cleaning and cooking. Last but not least, seminarians form firm bonds of friendship and fellowship with their fellow students. The seminary is a place where prayers, singing and laughter ascend to God in equal measure!

### **SANKT IGNATIOS ETHIOPIAN TEWAHEDO ORTHODOX SEMINARY**

The Ethiopian Tewahedo seminary is located in a large house outside of Södertälje, Stockholm. Like a monastery, members of the seminary share together in a life of study, work and prayer, through which they are prepared to serve the Church as ministers, deacons, administrators and cantors. In addition to their theological and biblical studies they learn the liturgies of the Church, the songs and hymns of St Yared and are equipped with skills and resources for the pastoral care of the people of God and the Church's mission in our modern world. The seminary becomes both a practical and spiritual home for the seminarians who share together truly formative experiences and joyful moments! Singing, prayer and laughter are often heard in the seminary!



# VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT SANKT IGNATIOS COLLEGE

Programs organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola and Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm):

## PASTORAL-PEDAGOGICAL PROGRAM

The priest is central to the life of a church. He celebrates the liturgy together with the members of the parish, gathers people together for prayer and helps them to discover the roots and history of their tradition. The priest offers care and spiritual counselling to people at times of need and crisis in their lives, and represents the Church to the wider community. He conducts baptisms, weddings and funerals. Through his preaching the priest proclaims the Gospel and through his lifestyle he encourages holiness.

Participants on the pedagogical track of the Pastoral-Pedagogical Program, receive a thorough understanding of the Church's theological and biblical tradition as well as tools which will allow them to communicate their knowledge to others. Participants learn how to create a safe and stimulating learning environment within a church congregation and how to encourage the participation of lay members of the Church.

The training we offer includes subjects such as practical liturgics, pastoral theology and church languages, and all the participants in the program pursue the bachelor's degree program in theology with a focus on Eastern Christian Studies at Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm).

**Length:** 4 years (full-time), 180 ECTS credits

**Study pace:** Full-time (100 %)

**Study time:** Daytime, certain weekends and evenings

**Type of instruction:** On-campus

**Language of instruction:** English

**Location:** Campus Södertälje (year 1 and 2)  
& Campus Bromma (year 3 and 4)

**Level:** University – First cycle and Seminary – post secondary school level

**Organizer:** Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola and Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)

**More information:** <https://ehs.se/en/academics/professional-programs/pastoral-pedagogical/>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR PROGRAM

A religious educator is a teacher and theologian who plays a key role in the life of the Church and in its development. An educator inspires and stimulates clergy and laity to deepen their understanding and to relate their faith to the world outside the Church. Therefore, an educator must have an in-depth understanding of the Church's tradition, as well as the tools which will allow him or her to communicate that understanding to others.

Participants in this course receive a theological education at the master's level in the Department of Eastern Christian Studies at Stockholm School of Theology. In addition, they learn how to create a safe and stimulating learning environment within a church congregation or a diocese and how to encourage lay and clergy participation in the life of the Church. The successful participant in this program will be well equipped to help the Church to meet the challenges it faces today.

The program can be pursued over two years (for participants who already have a bachelor's degree in a theological or a biblical subject) or over three years (for participants who already have a bachelor's degree in a subject within the humanities other than theology).

**Length:** 2 or 3 years (full-time), 120 ECTS credits

**Study pace:** Full-time (100 %)

**Study time:** Daytime, certain weekends and evenings

**Type of instruction:** On-campus

**Language of instruction:** English

**Location:** Campus Södertälje & Campus Bromma

**Level:** University – Second cycle and Seminary

**Organizer:** Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola and Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)

**More information:** <https://ehs.se/en/academics/professional-programs/religious-educator/>





Programs organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

**DIACONAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION**

This program provides the environment, structure and guidance necessary for the intellectual and personal formation of deacons who wish to serve the Orthodox Tewahedo Church. This course is taught in Tigrinya or Amharic and does not require proficiency in Swedish or English. However, participants study this course in combination with the Allmän kurs where Swedish and English will be used.

The program includes Ge'ez and Zema training for sacramental and liturgical services, and eight additional modules to be delivered over the course of two years. Year 1: Dogmatic Theology, Church History I, Bible Study, Patrology. Year 2: Church History II, Canon Law and Church Administration, Ecclesiology, Homiletics. Those who participate in the program will receive training and gain knowledge that will enable them to effectively carry out diaconal and liturgical service in the Church.

Length: 2–3 years  
Study pace: Part-time (50 %) or full-time (100 %)  
Study time: Daytime  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: Tigrigna, Swedish and Ge'ez or Amharic, Swedish and Ge'ez

Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Seminary education that can be combined with Allmän kurs  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola



**DIACONAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION (PART-TIME, ONLINE)**

This program provides the environment, structure, and guidance necessary for the intellectual and personal formation of deacons who wish to serve the Orthodox Tewahedo Church. This two-year course is taught in Tigrinya or Amharic and does not require proficiency in Swedish or English.

The program includes Ge'ez and Zema training for sacramental and liturgical services. Those who participate in the program will acquire training and develop knowledge that will enable them to effectively carry out diaconal and liturgical service in the Church.

This online option is for those who are interested in the diaconal program but are unable to participate on campus. Students study online, part-time, with the approval and guidance of the rector of the seminary.

Length: 2 years  
Study pace: Part-time (50%)  
Study time: Daytime  
Type of instruction: Distance learning

Language of instruction: Tigrigna, Swedish and Ge'ez or Amharic, Swedish and Ge'ez  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

**MAHLIETAY (CANTOR’S) TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION**

The cantor’s training program is designed for devoted participants who wish to study the chants and hymns composed and arranged by Saint Yared. The course lasts for a period of 4-6 years. The languages of instruction and interaction on this course are Tigrinya, Amharic and Ge'ez and this module does not require proficiency in Swedish or English. However, participants study this course in combination with the Allmän kurs where Swedish and English will be used.

The chants and hymns in the cantor program require an extended period of study and enculturation. This is true especially for those who have no prior knowledge of the chants and hymns and for this reason a substantial amount of time has been allocated to study of the chants. Participants will also learn hymnal instruments such as prayer sticks, drums, and the sistra, as well as studying advanced Ge'ez and eight other theological training modules including Dogmatic Theology, Church History I, Bible Study, Patrology, (Year 1) Church History II, Canon Law and Church Administration, Ecclesiology, and Homiletics (Year 2).

In order to enroll in this program participants must have successfully completed the diaconal training program in the Tewahedo tradition or equivalent liturgical and hymnal studies.

Length: 4–6 years  
Study pace: Part-time (50 %) or full-time (100 %)  
Study time: Daytime  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: Tigrigna, Swedish and Ge'ez or Amharic, Swedish and Ge'ez

Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Seminary education that can be combined with Allmän kurs  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola



PARISH PRIEST TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION

This program provides the environment, structure and guidance necessary for the intellectual and personal formation for servant priests who wish to serve the Orthodox Tewahedo Church in parish ministry. This three-year course is taught in Tigrinya or Amharic and does not require proficiency in Swedish or English. However, participants study this course in combination with the Allmän kurs where Swedish and English will be used.

The Program includes advanced Ge'ez and Zema (liturgy and hymns) which will enable candidates to lead sacramental and liturgical services. In addition to this, the candidates are expected to complete eight theological training modules over the course of two years. Year 1: Dogmatic Theology, Church History I, Bible Study, Patrology. Year 2: Church History II, Canon Law and Church Administration, Ecclesiology, Homiletics.

After completing this program, candidates should be able to celebrate the sacramental services of the Church in accordance with the Tewahedo tradition, as well as understand and follow the Church's administrative procedures in order to lead a parish in line with the canons of the Church. In addition, participants will get the opportunity to develop pastoral skills working together with their fellow participants under the guidance of qualified instructors.

In order to enroll in the parish priest program, participants must have successfully completed the diaconal training program in the Tewahedo tradition or equivalent liturgical studies.

Length: 2–3 years  
Study pace: Part-time (50 %) or full-time (100 %)  
Study time: Daytime  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: Tigrigna and Ge'ez or Amharic and Ge'ez

Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Seminary education that can be combined with Allmän kurs  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

PARISH PRIEST TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION (PART-TIME, ONLINE)

This program provides the environment, structure and guidance necessary for the intellectual and personal formation for servant priests who wish to serve the Orthodox Tewahedo Church in parish ministry. This two-year course is taught in Tigrinya or Amharic and does not require proficiency in Swedish or English.

The Program includes advanced Ge'ez and Zema (liturgy and hymns) which will enable candidates to lead sacramental and liturgical services.

After completing this program, candidates should be able to celebrate the sacramental services of the church in accordance with the Tewahedo tradition, as well as understand and follow the church's administrative procedures in order to lead a parish in line with the canons of the church. In addition, participants will get the opportunity to develop ministerial skills working together with their fellow participants under the guidance of qualified instructors.

In order to enroll in the parish priest program, participants must have successfully completed the diaconal training program in the Tewahedo tradition or equivalent liturgical studies.

This online option is for those who are interested in the priest program but are unable to participate on Campus. Students study online, part-time with the approval and guidance of the rector of the seminary.

Length: 2 years  
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)  
Study time: Daytime  
Type of instruction: Distance learning  
Language of instruction: Tigrigna and Ge'ez or Amharic and Ge'ez

Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Seminary education  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & COURSES AT SANKT IGNATIOS COLLEGE

THE BYZANTINE ORTHODOX TRADITION

Courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

BYZANTINE CHURCH MUSIC AND LITURGY – IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

Church music comprises a great part of the services of the Orthodox Church. In this course participants will develop an awareness of the music used in the Divine Liturgy of the Eastern Orthodox Church. To this end, participants will study Byzantine notation, the hymns of the Resurrectional Octoëchos used in the Divine Liturgy, the use and application of the Typikon and the basic papadic repertoire. In addition to church music, participants will be introduced to the ordo of the Divine Liturgy, its history, development, interpretation, and symbolism, with a particular focus on the chanted sections of the Liturgy. Participants will also become proficient in the order of reading in the context of the Liturgy.

This course has two parts

1. The first (theoretical) part is an introduction to liturgical theology and its implication for understanding the connection between theory and practice in the Byzantine tradition. All students study this part together as a group
2. In the second (practical) part the students, depending on language and level, are divided into different groups to learn the Byzantine hymns.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)  
Type of instruction: On-campus (with some distance lectures)

Language of instruction: Arabic or English  
Level: Seminary education that can be combined with Allmän kurs  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola





# The Coptic Orthodox Tradition

Courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

## INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOX FAITH

This course explores the main sources of Church tradition, namely Church History, the Apostolic Scriptures, Patristics, Ecclesiology and Liturgics, from the ‘insider’ perspective of faith. Participants are encouraged to learn the main features of each of these sources, and how they relate to each other to form the framework of tradition. Furthermore, participants are encouraged to reflect on how their own experiences relate to this tradition, and, through collaborative learning, to integrate their emerging understanding of tradition into their own lives.

Length: 1 year	Language of Instruction: Arabic
Study Pace: Part-time (50 %)	Level: Seminary education that can be combined with Allmän kurs
Type of Instruction: Distance learning with on-campus meetings	Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

## COPTIC LANGUAGE AND HYMNOLOGY

The Coptic language and Coptic hymnology are two sides of the same coin, the hallmark of the Coptic tradition. This course is an introductory course for the Coptic language as a liturgical language that unites the past with the present embodying the Coptic Logos in the land of Egypt. By learning this language, we gain access to our own history and tradition, and we are united with our shared religious legacy.

Participants will be introduced to liturgical Coptic language at a beginner’s level and will be encouraged to begin using their developing knowledge in relation to their liturgical heritage. Participants will first learn the Coptic alphabet, key vocabulary, and the basic grammatical structures of the language. By the end of the course, the participant will be expected to be able to read and write words and phrases from the liturgy and simple sentences in Coptic.

This course will also introduce participants to the history and usage of the traditional hymns of the Coptic Church. Participants are encouraged to become bearers and propagators of their cultural and religious heritage. This course will help participants to think systematically about the learning and teaching of Coptic hymns. Participants will learn the melodies of the hymns, the fixed and movable aspects according to the liturgical calendar, the theology of the Coptic liturgy, as well as the structure of the liturgical texts for the different sacraments, and the relevant theological and liturgical terminology.

Length: 1 year	Language of instruction: Arabic and English
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)	Level: Preparatory education that can be combined with Allmän kurs
Type of instruction: Distance learning	Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola



## SUNDAY SCHOOL: LEADERSHIP AND PEDAGOGICS

This course introduces participants to the theoretical and practical aspects of Sunday School teaching and leadership. Participants will be encouraged to develop a pedagogical vision based on Christian insights about the human being (anthropology), the world, society, theories of knowledge and sacramental theology. The course aims to help participants develop the following areas of competence: skills for creating a communicative environment in Sunday School classes; a thorough understanding of the role of the Sunday School in the Church and of the dialectical relationship between Church and society; understanding learning obstacles for younger Sunday School participants; how to inspire rather than to simply instruct. Participants will be able to put the skills they learn into practice in a real Sunday School situation.

Length: 1 year	Language of instruction: Arabic and English or Arabic and Swedish
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)	Location: Campus Södertälje
Study time: Evenings and/or weekends	Level: Preparatory/Seminary education that can be combined with Allmän kurs
Type of instruction: On-campus	Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola





## THE SYRIAC ORTHODOX TRADITION

Courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

### CLASSICAL SYRIAC - KTHOBONOYO

This course is available to beginners, intermediate or advanced students of classical Syriac. Syriac is the main language in which the Fathers of the Syrian Orthodox Church spoke and wrote. Many important theological and spiritual works have been composed in Syriac. The scope of the course starts from learning the basics of Syriac alphabet and grammar to reading and analyzing Syriac texts and commentaries. West Syriac pronunciation is used throughout the course, but participants are allowed to use other forms of pronunciation as well. From the outset, learners are encouraged to use their linguistic skills in the real-life social setting of their learning and liturgical community.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)  
Type of instruction: Distance learning

Language of instruction: Swedish, English and Syriac  
Level: Seminary education that can be combined with Allmän kurs  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING – SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

The purpose of this course is to gather and train Sunday School teachers within the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch in Sweden. The course is based on the liturgical year of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch. Participants will be guided as to how to adapt the content of this framework to different pedagogical levels depending on the age of the participants in their Sunday School classes. The course also provides an introduction to pedagogy in general and child pedagogy in particular and how this pedagogy can be applied to Sunday School.

During the course, course participants will share their experience, and collaborate in compiling material and activities that can be used in Sunday School teaching in local churches, including material that participants cover during the course.

The course will cover the following modules:

Module 1, Introduction to pedagogy in general and child pedagogy in particular.

Module 2, Sunday School as a place of growth and learning.

Module 3, Introduction to the liturgical year of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch and how this can be communicated to children of different ages.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)  
Study time: Evenings and/or weekends  
Type of instruction: On-campus

Language of instruction: Swedish and English  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Seminary education that can be combined with Allmän kurs (there are no prerequisites for this course)  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

### SYRIAC FATHERS III – MIDDLE AGES TO MODERNITY

This course builds on The Syriac Fathers I and II– but can be taken as a separate course as well. The course will cover the Fathers from the Middle Ages until the present day. We will start our study with Bar-‘Ebroyo, the Syriac equivalent to Thomas Aquinas in the Latin Church, followed by the fathers of the Ottoman empire and the split between the different Patriarchates which were re-united 1839. The Sayfo genocide will also be discussed and studied in its historical context. We will focus on the work of Patriarch Ephrem Barsoum and metropolitans such as Youhanon Dolabani. We will look at the modern-day work of the late Patriarch Zakka Iwas and of the present Patriarch, Aphrem II. We will also discuss the ecumenical movement and the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch. Finally, the present situation of the Syrian Orthodox Church in the Swedish context will be discussed and analyzed.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)  
Type of instruction: Distance learning

Language of instruction: Swedish and English  
Level: Seminary education that can be combined with Allmän kurs (there are no prerequisites for this course)  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

### SYRIAC HYMNOLOGY

This course is for both beginners and advanced students of hymnology. The Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch has a long tradition of hymns and poems. Many great Fathers of the Church wrote and instructed the faithful using music and poetry. St. Ephrem the Syrian and St. Jacob of Serugh are two of the most famous hymn writers in the Syriac tradition.

This course aims to provide participants with a practical and theoretical introduction to the hymnic tradition of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch and invites participants to share in this great tradition.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)  
Type of instruction: Distance learning

Language of instruction: Swedish, English and Syriac  
Level: Seminary education that can be combined with Allmän kurs  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola



SYRIAC THEOLOGY - YULFONO

This course is divided into four modules which concern both theology and the practical life of the Church. For each module there will be an examination. The participants will be introduced to citation techniques and basic academic writing.

Introduction to theology

- 1. Biblical Studies: Introduction to Scripture and its place within the Church
- 2. Church History and Patristics: An overview of the history of the Syrian-Orthodox Church of Antioch and her Fathers.
- 3. Dogma: introduction to the dogmas of the faith such as the Trinity and the Incarnation,
- 4. Liturgics: introduction to the liturgical life and practice of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch

Length: 1 year	Language of instruction: Swedish, English, Syriac and Arabic
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)	Level: Seminary education that can be combined with
Type of instruction: Distance learning	Allmän kurs
	Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

SYRIAN ORTHODOX FAITH AND LIFE (IN SWEDISH)

This course is aimed primarily at young ministers in the Syrian Orthodox Church's two youth associations in Sweden, SOKU and SOUF. The overall purpose of the course is to offer young servants of SOKU and SOUF an opportunity to both deepen their theoretical and practical knowledge of the Church's teaching and life, and to develop their ability to reflect on, explain and talk about what they have learned. This course consists of four modules:

Module1, Sources of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch, which deals with the ways in which tradition has been expressed through history, that is, through the scriptures, the Church Fathers, liturgy and church law.

Module 2, Church History and Faith, which addresses the Syrian Orthodox Church's history and faith in relation to developments in the early church, with a special focus on Antioch.

Module 3, Patristics, which focuses on significant church fathers of the Syriac tradition in five particular eras, namely, the apostolic, pre-Chalcedonian, post-Chalcedonian, post-Islamic and the present.

Module 4, Liturgy, which addresses important aspects of the liturgical life of the Syrian Orthodox Church, that is, the mystery of baptism, chrismation and the Eucharist, as well as the daily prayers (Šhimo) and the prayers of the church year (Fanqitho och M’ad’dono)

Length: 1 year	Language of instruction: Swedish and English
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)	Level: Seminary education that can be combined with
Type of instruction: Distance learning	Allmän kurs
	Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

SYRIAN ORTHODOX FAITH AND LIFE (IN ARABIC)

The course is an introduction to the Faith and Life of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch in the Arabic language. Participants will discuss and explore the four sources of faith:

- 1. Biblical Studies: introduction to Scripture and its place within the Church
- 2. Ecclesiology: introduction to the ecumenical synods and canon law
- 3. Liturgics: introduction to the liturgical life and practice of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch
- 4. Patristics: introduction to the fathers of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch

Length: 1 year	Language of instruction: Arabic and Syriac
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)	Level: Seminary education that can be combined with
Type of instruction: Distance learning	Allmän kurs
	Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

THE TEWAHEDO ORTHODOX TRADITION

Courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

The Church is not merely an idea but, rather, a common life which requires order. This course will introduce participants to the organizational structures of the Church. In addition to an introduction to church (canon) law, participants learn skills in communication, administration, and financial management. Furthermore, participants will develop their understanding of leadership as well as develop the competencies required to meet the responsibilities and challenges of different leadership roles within the organization of the Church.

Length: 1 year	Language of instruction: Tigrigna and Swedish or Amharic and Swedish
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)	Level: Preparatory education that can be combined with Allmän kurs
Type of instruction: Distance learning	Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

GE’EZ

Gé'ez is a Semitic language that was once one of the main languages in Eritrea and Ethiopia. With the decline of the Axumites in the 13th-14th centuries, Ge'ez ceased to be used in everyday communication but has lived on in the readings and the liturgical life of the Church. Today, learning Ge'ez is the key to accessing the spiritual treasures of the Eritrean-Ethiopian liturgical world and is a necessary skill for those who want to immerse themselves in its spiritual life. The teaching takes its starting point from the perspective of the student’s existing knowledge and, if deemed suitable, the teacher may divide the group into beginners and advanced levels.

Length: 1 year (40 weeks)	Language of instruction: Tigrigna and Swedish or Amharic and Swedish
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)	Level: Preparatory education that can be combined with Allmän kurs
Type of instruction: Distance learning	Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

INTRODUCTION TO TEWAHEDO TRADITION IN AMHARIC

This course is a modular distance course for those who want to study in Amharic and are interested in Ethiopian Orthodox theology and tradition. The course contains different modules such as: Dogmatic Theology, Church History, and Liturgics, among others. The teaching takes its starting point from the perspective of the student’s existing knowledge and if deemed suitable the teacher may divide the group into beginners and advanced levels.

Length: 1 year	Language of instruction: Amharic
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)	Level: Preparatory education that can be combined with Allmän kurs
Type of instruction: Distance learning	Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

INTRODUCTION TO TEWAHEDO TRADITION IN TIGRIGNA

This course is a modular distance course for those who want to study in Tigrigna and are interested in Eritrean Orthodox theology and tradition. The course contains different modules such as: Dogmatic Theology, Church History, and Liturgics, among others. The teaching takes its starting point from the perspective of the student’s pre-knowledge and if deemed suitable the teacher may divide the group into beginners and advanced levels.

Length: 1 year	Language of instruction: Tigrigna
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)	Level: Preparatory education that can be combined with Allmän kurs
Type of instruction: Distance learning	Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola





# INTER-ORTHODOX PROGRAMS & COURSES

Courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

## LIFE AND FAITH OF THE ORTHODOX TRADITIONS

The program introduces the life, faith and practices of the Orthodox churches. The framework of the program is intended to be modular, providing the option of studying two courses in parallel, corresponding to half-time (50%) study, or of studying one course at a time at a 25% pace, catering to the needs of those who wish to integrate their studies with other life commitments.

Each year new courses are offered within the program, giving participants the opportunity to continue studying beyond the initial one-year scope of the program if they so choose, as new modules are offered. The Introduction module is given each fall, and is intended to be a natural starting point for anyone interested in becoming acquainted with Orthodox life and faith. Courses offered to date have dealt with topics such as liturgy, history, dogma, monasticism and spirituality, as well as contemporary church life and the challenges that arise from being part of contemporary Western society. As folkhögskola courses, the emphasis in the course is on learning through discussion of topics and readings, and sharing of experiences together as a learning community.

Length: 1 or 2 years

Study pace: Part time (25 % or 50 %)

Type of instruction: Distance learning

Language of instruction: English

Level: Seminary education that can be combined with Allmän kurs

Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola

## QUALIFIED SCOUTS

This course is based on the Orthodox Church's faith and offers leadership training for those who work in a Scout group or other kind of youth group and who would like to take on more responsibility for the leadership and management of such a group. We offer theoretical and practical training where participants will acquire the skills and knowledge needed to help run and lead a youth project. They will also learn how to become trusted and responsible Christian instructors. Participants are encouraged to relate their role as youth leaders to the role that youth groups play in wider civic society.

Length: 1 year

Study pace: Part-time (50 %)

Type of instruction: Distance learning and some Campus meetings

Language of instruction: Swedish

Level: Seminary education that can be combined with Allmän kurs

Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola



Freestanding programs and courses organized by Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm):

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOX THEOLOGY

In the Introduction to Orthodox Theology program, participants join with students on the four-year Pastoral-Pedagogical Program course for their first year of studies. This is composed of university studies (30 ECTS) and folkhögskola studies (Christian/pastoral formation). In this way participants who are not yet ready or able to commit to a full bachelor’s program are able to explore the study of theology both as an academic discipline and as a way of life.

Because the studies in the program are the same as those taken by students on the four-year program, if, at the end of the year, participants wish to join the Pastoral-Pedagogical Program they are able to do so seamlessly.

Alternatively, many programs within the humanities allow for a transfer of elective credits, which means that students in certain cases can incorporate the credits acquired in this program as elective courses elsewhere.

On its own, as a one-year introduction to the study of the Eastern Christian tradition and Orthodox life and tradition, the program will deepen the participant’s knowledge and understanding and equip them to play a larger role in church life.

Length: 1 year (full-time), 30 ECTS credits	Level: University – First cycle and Seminary – post secondary school level
Study pace: Full-time (100 %)	
Study time: Daytime, certain weekends and evenings	Organizer: Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola and Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction: On-campus	More information: <a href="https://ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-options/introduction-orthodox-theology/">https://ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-options/introduction-orthodox-theology/</a>
Language of instruction: English	
Location: Campus Södertälje	

DEMONS AND ANGELS: EAST AND WEST

This course explores the origin,historical development and meaning of the figures of demons,devil(s),Satan, and angels. Students will learn about different sources that influenced the formation of the idea of demons and angels, and their visual representation, primarily in the Judeo-Christian tradition. Developments in demonology and angelology are examined in connection to the process of imagining (and othering) of ethnic, racial, religious, or gender “others.” The course also explores the religious iconography of Satan, demons and angels as artistic and pop-cultural motifs, as well as into the meaning of numerical and visual symbols that are often associated with the figures of Satan and evil (most notably “666” as the “sign of the beast”).

Length: 1 module,7.5 ECST credits	Level: University
Type of instruction: On-campus	Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Language of instruction: English Level: University	More information: <a href="https://ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-options/demons-angels-east-west/">https://ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-options/demons-angels-east-west/</a>
Location: Campus Södertälje	

ICONS: ART AND THEOLOGY

Icons are one of the most characteristic expressions of Eastern Christianity and Orthodox faith. This special program explores the history and theology of icons and their visual/aesthetic properties, both traditional and contemporary. In addition to this, students will have the opportunity to learn about the development of image theories and stylistic properties of Christian art in the Eastern and Western traditions, and the relationship between the traditional forms of icon painting and some of the most iconic movements within modern and avant-garde art.

Courses within the program:

- Christian Art, East & West I, 7.5 credits
- Christian Art, East & West II, 7.5 credits
- Theology of Icons, 7.5 credits
- Iconology, 7.5 credits

Length: 1 year, 30 ECST credits	Level: University
Study pace: Part-time (50 %)	Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction: Distance learning	More information: <a href="https://ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-options/icons-art-and-theology/">https://ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-options/icons-art-and-theology/</a>
Language of instruction: English	

LIFE AND FAITH OF THE ORTHODOX TRADITIONS

The program introduces the life, faith and practices of the Orthodox churches. The framework of the program is intended to be modular, providing the option of studying two courses in parallel, corresponding to half-time (50%) study, or of studying one course at a time at a 25% pace. In contrast to other courses offered at Sankt Ignatios, which usu-ally run over half a semester, these 7.5 ECTS courses run over a full semester, catering to the needs of those who wish to calibrate the pace of their studies to accommodate other life commitments.

Each year a selection of new courses is provided within the program, giving students the opportunity to continue studying beyond the ini-tial one-year scope of the program if they so choose, as new modules are offered. The Introduction module is given each fall and is intended to serve as a natural starting point for anyone interested in becoming acquainted with Orthodox Christian life and faith. Other courses of-fered to date have dealt with topics such as liturgy, history, dogma, monasticism, spirituality, as well as contemporary church life and the challenges that arise from being part of contemporary Western socie-ty. The courses can be included as electives in a university degree.

Length: 1 or 2 years, 30 ECST Credits	Entry requirements: General requirements for university studies
Study pace: Part-time (25 %– 50 %)	Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology, Department of Eastern Christian Studies
Type of instruction: Distance learning	More information: <a href="https://ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-options/life-faith-orthodox-traditions/">https://ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-options/life-faith-orthodox-traditions/</a>
Language of instruction: English	
Level: University	





*Participate in furthering the field of Eastern Christian Study, and contribute to the global theological discourse through studies and research*

# ACADEMIC DEGREES AT SANKT IGNATIUS COLLEGE

Programs organized by Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm):

## BACHELOR'S PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

This is a three-year bachelor's program which provides students with a solid understanding of Orthodox theology and tradition, and which teaches them how to study and express themselves within an academic context. The program introduces subjects such as church history, liturgics, ecclesiology, patristics and biblical studies with a specific focus on the Eastern Churches. In the third year, students will be introduced to research methodology and are required to write a thesis.

Length: 3 years, 180 ECTS credits

Study pace: Full-time (100 %, 3 years) or part-time (50 %):  
year 1&2, full-time (100 %): year 3&4

Study time: Daytime

Type of instruction: On-campus/Distance learning

Language of instruction: English

Location: Campus Södertälje (year 1) &  
Campus Bromma (year 2–3)

Level: University

Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College  
Stockholm)

More information: [https://ehs.se/en/academics/  
undergraduate-programs/eastern-christian-studies/](https://ehs.se/en/academics/undergraduate-programs/eastern-christian-studies/)

## PRE-MASTER'S PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

This one-year pre-master's program aims to provide students with the requisite background knowledge to allow them to begin master's level studies in Eastern Christian Studies, in cases where applicants lack the formal requirements in the field. Those who wish to study the pre-master's degree should have a bachelor's degree in the humanities, or alternatively in social science where at least two thirds of the degree is made up of humanities' subjects. If the proportion of humanities subjects is less than this but above 50 %, admission will depend on an individual evaluation of the applicant's academic merits.

Length: 1 year, 60 ECTS credits Study pace: Full-time (100 %)

Study time: Daytime

Type of instruction: On-campus/Distance learning  
(individually decided)

Language of instruction: English

Location: University

Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College  
Stockholm)

More information: [https://ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-  
options/pre-masters-program-eastern-christian-studies/](https://ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-options/pre-masters-program-eastern-christian-studies/)

## FREESTANDING COURSES IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Most courses in the program can be taken as stand-alone courses. Students in university programs have priority for places on courses but other applicants who meet the eligibility requirements are usually accepted onto their chosen courses.

The following independent courses and programs are also available:

- Introduction to Orthodox Theology (see page 26)
- Demons and angels: East and West (see page 26)
- Icons: Art and Theology (see page 27)
- Life and faith of the Orthodox traditions (see page 27)

More information: <https://ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-options/freestanding-courses-eastern-christian-studies/>



MASTER’S PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES (60 ECTS CREDITS)

The 60-credit master’s degree program (Swedish: magister degree) is an advanced, one-year degree which allows students to gain a deeper understanding of Eastern Christian churches and develop the necessary critical and research skills to pursue further studies at doctoral level in Sweden. The education also provides the student with knowledge and skills that are valued by professional groups where knowledge of religion and understanding of social and existential questions are important, for example in religious organizations, the media and education. It can also form part of vocational preparation for pastors, priests and teachers.

The one-year master’s degree (Swedish: magisterexamen) includes a 15-credit master’s thesis on a specialized area of study that students write in the second semester.

Length: 1 year, 60 ECTS credits	Location: Campus Bromma & Campus Södertälje
Study pace: Full-time (100 %)	Level: University
Study time: Daytime	Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction: On-campus or distance learning	More information: <a href="https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/eastern-christian-studies-60credits/">https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/eastern-christian-studies-60credits/</a>
Language of instruction: English	

MASTER’S PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES (120 ECTS CREDITS)

The 120-credit master's degree program lasts for two years. In it, students acquire a deeper understanding of the field of Eastern Christian Studies, proficiency in communicating in a scholarly way at an advanced level, and preparation for doctoral studies. The master's degree program at Sankt Ignatios involves seminars, lectures and reading of set texts.

The first semester of the program focuses on methods of study and the sources of Eastern Christian traditions and includes subjects such as:

- Sacred texts in Orthodoxy and how to read them
- Methods and sources for the study of patristics
- Liturgics and liturgical theology
- Ecclesiology and canon law

In the second and third semesters, students specialize in one of the following three areas:

- Church history, with a specialization in Biblical Studies or in Patristic Studies;
- Liturgical Studies, with a specialization in liturgical theology or history of liturgy;
- The Church, its spirituality and its mission or its organization and the relation of the churches to one another and to the wider world.

In the fourth semester students write a thesis on their chosen area of study

Length: 2 years, 120 ECTS credits	Location: Campus Bromma & Campus Södertälje
Study pace: Full-time (100 %)	Level: University
Study time: Daytime	Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction: On-campus or distance learning	More information: <a href="https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/eastern-christian-studies-120credits/">https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/eastern-christian-studies-120credits/</a>
Language of instruction: English	



MASTER’S PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ECUMENISM (60 ECTS CREDITS)

The one-year master’s (Swedish: magister) program in International Relations and Ecumenism aims to educate future professionals in the fields of international and inter-church relations. After graduating, 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.

The one-year master’s degree (Swedish: magisterexamen) includes a 15-credit thesis on a specialized area of study which students write in the second semester.

Length: 1 years, 60 ECTS credits	Location: Campus Bromma & Campus Södertälje
Study pace: Full-time (100 %)	Level: University
Study time: Daytime	Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction: On-campus or distance learning	More information: <a href="https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/international-relations-ecumenism-60credits/">https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/international-relations-ecumenism-60credits/</a>
Language of instruction: English	

MASTER’S PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ECUMENISM (120 ECTS CREDITS)

The two-year master’s program in International Relations and Ecumenism aims to educate 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 ones emerge. These processes depend on both theological and socio-political factors. 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. Those who successfully complete the course will be qualified to work in the fields of ecumenical relations and foreign affairs for non-governmental Christian organizations and other international organizations. The program also prepares the student for doctoral studies.

Length: 2 years, 120 ECTS credits	Location: Campus Bromma & Campus Södertälje
Study pace: Full-time (100 %)	Level: University
Study time: Daytime	Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction: On-campus or distance learning	More information: <a href="https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/international-relations-ecumenism-120credits/">https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/international-relations-ecumenism-120credits/</a>
Language of instruction: English	



MASTER’S PROGRAM IN RELIGION, POLITICS AND DEMOCRACY  
(60 ECTS CREDITS)

The one-year master’s (Swedish: magister) program in Religion, Politics and Democracy aims to educate future professionals in the understanding of the relationship between religious ideas and institutions and the public sphere. The program equips students with the theoretical knowledge, critical analysis and writing skills necessary for future work as professionals (e.g. educators, ministers, public servants, analysts, NGO personnel and activists.)

The one-year master’s degree (Swedish: magisterexamen) includes a 15-credit thesis on a specialized area of study which students write in the second semester.

Length: 1 years, 60 ECTS credits	Level: University
Study pace: Full-time (100%)	Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction: Distance learning	More information: <a href="https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/religion-politics-democracy-60credits/">https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/religion-politics-democracy-60credits/</a>
Language of instruction: English	

MASTER’S PROGRAM IN RELIGION, POLITICS AND DEMOCRACY  
(120 ECTS CREDITS)

The two-year master’s program in Religion, Politics and Democracy aims to educate 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 contemporary globalization processes. Approaching these phenomena from an Eastern Christian perspective, the courses in this program will help students understand 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 the 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 doctoral studies.

Length: 2 years, 120 ECTS credits	Level: University
Study pace: Full-time (100%)	Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction: Distance learning	More information: <a href="https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/religion-politics-democracy-120credits/">https://ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/religion-politics-democracy-120credits/</a>
Language of instruction: English	

DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Stockholm School of Theology is able to offer doctoral level training and supervision, equipping doctoral candidates for research within the field of Eastern Christian Studies. The program is equivalent to 240 ECTS credits and can be studied full-time or part-time. The program can focus on one of three areas of study: Eastern Christianity in History and the Present, International Relations and Ecumenism, and Religion, Art and Democracy.

Eastern Christianity in History and the Present takes a historical and critical view of Eastern Christianity from various perspectives: biblical, patristic, liturgical, and ecclesiological.

International Relations and Ecumenism focuses on ecclesial diplomacy, inter-church relations, church organization, external relations and how the Church understands itself in the public square.

Religion, Art and Democracy takes a deeper look at various Christian political theologies, secular ideologies, and modern/contemporary philosophies. Students who decide to pursue this path will have a chance to study how Eastern Christianity has contributed to these discourses, and how these discourses have affected the doctrinal and practical life of Eastern Christianity. The field also enables the exploration of art in its aesthetic, theological and ideological dimensions, in the context of Eastern Christianity.

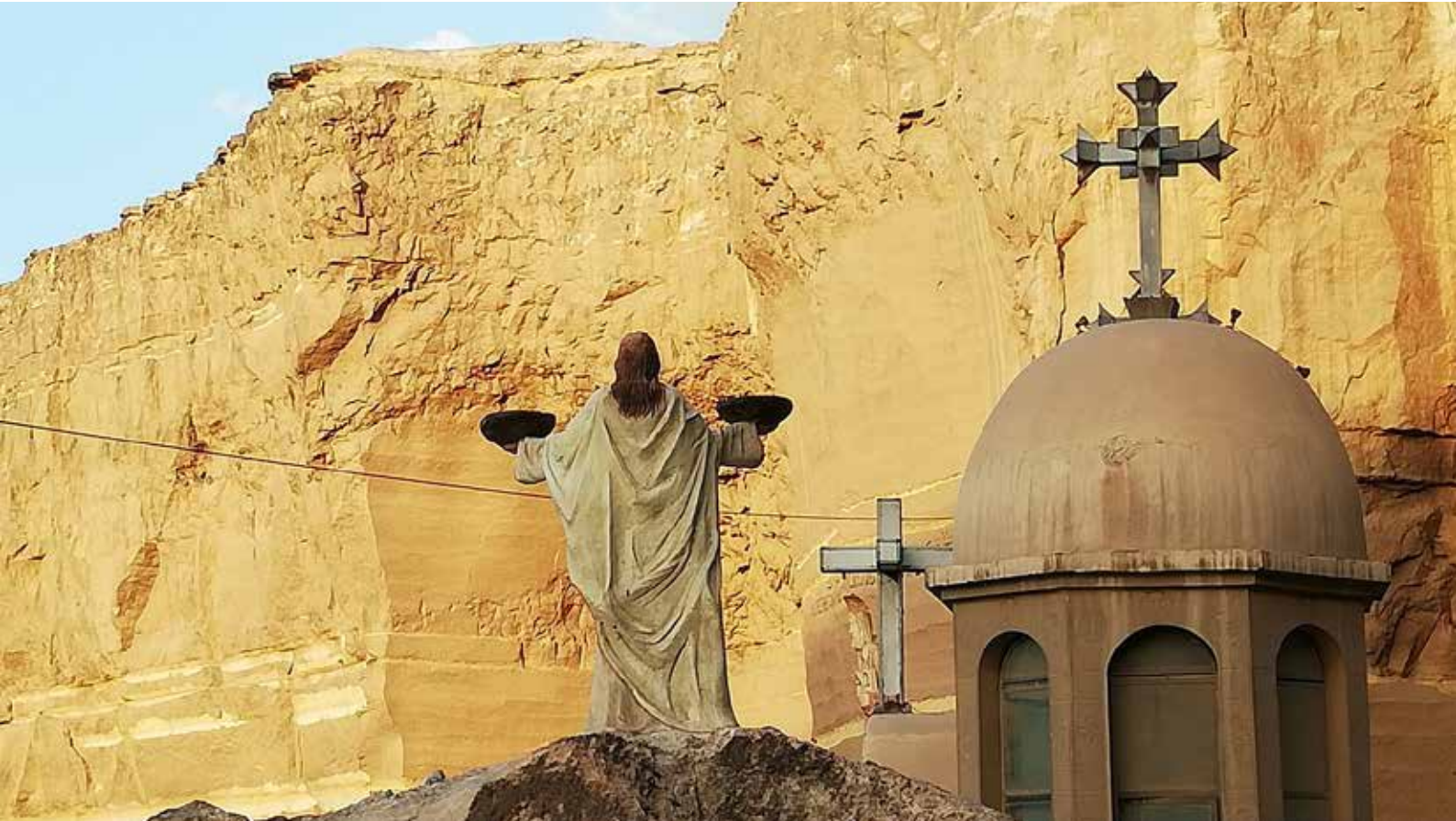
Doctoral candidates within Eastern Christian Studies will be part of larger networks both within the Nordic countries and internationally, which allows for the possibility of short exchanges at other institutions.

Applicants are required to have a degree at a higher level (e.g. master’s or equivalent) with a focus on Eastern Christian Studies, plus a well thought-out research plan.

In addition to doctoral students with scholarship funding, Stockholm School of Theology can also accept suitably qualified applicants with a strong academic background who can show that they can finance their doctoral education themselves, or who have the financial support of a sponsor (such as an employer).

For information about application dates, contact the Deputy Dean, Anne-Christine Lindvall ([anne-christine.lindvall@ehs.se](mailto:anne-christine.lindvall@ehs.se)).

Length: 4 years (full-time) or 8 years (part-time), 240 ECTS credits	Level: University
Study pace: Full-time or part-time	Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Language of instruction: English	More information: <a href="https://ehs.se/en/research/eastern-christian-studies/">https://ehs.se/en/research/eastern-christian-studies/</a>
Location: Campus Bromma	





# LEVELS AT SANKT IGNATIOS COLLEGE

All our courses and programs are categorized in terms of the following four levels, which give an indication of the level of aptitude required.

**Preparatory level:** Courses at preparatory level require only a basic educational attainment. These courses are at the gymnasium level.

**Seminary level:** At this level students should have a good basic level of education. They should be able to read and reflect critically on texts and express their views in spoken and written form. Most courses require a good understanding of spoken and written English where students will be expected to read texts and write papers in English. These courses are at the gymnasium level.

**Seminary – post secondary school level:** At this level students should have a high general level of education (equivalent to gymnasium level in Sweden) and must be able to read and understand academic writing in English. They will be expected to express themselves fluently and clearly in English at an advanced level. These courses are at the post-secondary school level.

**University level:** At this level students should have a high general level of education (equivalent to gymnasium level in Sweden) and must be able to read and understand academic writing in English. They will be expected to express themselves fluently and clearly in English at an advanced level.

The specific entry requirements for each of our courses and programs are set out in the Requirements section, starting at page 34, and on our website.

## STUDY PACE CATEGORIES

### SANKT IGNATIOS FOLKHÖGSKOLA

**Full-time studies (100 %):** Students pursuing their studies full-time are expected to work at least 40 hours a week (comparable to a full-time job). Of these 40 hours, 20 will be contact hours (teacher-led), typically 4 hours a day for 5 days per week.

**Part-time studies (50 %):** Students pursuing their studies part-time at 50 % are expected to work at least 20 hours a week. Of these, 10 will be contact hours (teacher-led), typically 2 hours a day for 5 days per week.

**Part-time studies (25 %):** Students pursuing their studies part-time at 25 % are expected to work at least 10 hours a week. Of these, 5 hours will be contact hours (teacher-led), typically 1 hour a day for 5 days per week.

### STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STOCKHOLM)

**Full-time studies (100 %):** 30 credits per semester (60 credits per year).

**Part-time studies (50 %):** 15 credits per semester (30 credits per year).

**Part-time studies (25 %):** 7.5 credits per semester (15 credits per year).



## REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for

- DIACONAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION
- DIACONAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION (PART-TIME, ONLINE)
- MAHLIETAY (CANTOR'S) TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION
- PARISH PRIEST TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION
- PARISH PRIEST TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION (PART-TIME, ONLINE)
- BYZANTINE CHURCH MUSIC AND LITURGY – IN THEORY AND PRACTICE
- COPTIC LANGUAGE AND HYMNOLGY
- INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOX FAITH
- SUNDAY SCHOOL: LEADERSHIP AND PEDAGOGICS
- CLASSICAL SYRIAC - KTHOBONOYO
- SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING – SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
- SYRIAC FATHERS III – MIDDLE AGES TO MODERNITY
- SYRIAC HYMNOLGY
- SYRIAC THEOLOGY - YULFONO
- SYRIAN ORTHODOX FAITH AND LIFE (IN SWEDISH)
- SYRIAN ORTHODOX FAITH AND LIFE (IN ARABIC)
- CHURCH ADMINISTRATION
- GE'EZ
- INTRODUCTION TO TEWAHEDO TRADITION IN AMHARIC
- INTRODUCTION TO TEWAHEDO TRADITION IN TIGRIGNA
- QUALIFIED SCOUTS
- LIFE AND FAITH OF THE ORTHODOX TRADITIONS

In addition to the requirements stated in the course description, all students need to be at least 18 year old, officially registered in Sweden, and have sufficient knowledge of the language of instruction.



# REQUIREMENTS (CONT'D)

- PASTORAL-PEDAGOGICAL PROGRAM (180 ECTS CREDITS)
- BACHELOR’S PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN (180 ECTS CREDITS)
- ICONS: ART AND THEOLOGY (30 ECTS CREDITS)
- INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOX THEOLOGY (30 ECTS CREDITS)
- LIFE AND FAITH OF THE ORTHODOX TRADITIONS (30 ECTS CREDITS)

The applicant must have completed their upper secondary (high school) education. Applicants must also be able to demonstrate the necessary proficiency in English. The entry requirement for studies at the bachelor’s level in Sweden is equivalent to the English 6 course 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). More information about the required score on internationally recognized English tests can be found at English language requirements (universityadmissions.se); see section *Meeting the English requirements with an English test*.

For more information please see: Entry requirements (universityadmissions.se)

**PRE-MASTER’S PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES**

Those who wish to study for the pre-master’s degree should have a bachelor’s degree in a humanities subject, or the social sciences, in which at least 2/3 of the degree is made up of courses in humanities subjects. If the proportion of humanities subjects is less than this but above 50%, admission will depend on an individual decision by the Academic Dean.

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).

- RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR PROGRAM (120 ECTS CREDITS)
- MASTER’S PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES (60 ECTS CREDITS)
- MASTER’S PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES (120 ECTS CREDITS)

To be eligible to be admitted to either 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.

At least 15 credits should be in Eastern Christian studies or an equivalent subject area within religious studies studied at an advanced level (i.e., 3rd year courses of a three-year bachelor’s degree program, 3rd year and 4th year courses of a four-year bachelor’s degree program). Students with other relevant subjects or an equivalent degree from an educational institution outside of Sweden may be admitted 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) on the basis of a special application, provided that the relevant prerequisites have been met. For more information about such special application please contact the Director of Studies.

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); see section *Meeting the English requirements with an English test*.

- MASTER’S PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ECUMENISM (60 ECTS CREDITS)
- MASTER’S PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ECUMENISM (120 ECTS CREDITS)
- MASTER’S PROGRAM IN RELIGION, POLITICS, AND DEMOCRACY (60 ECTS CREDITS)
- MASTER’S PROGRAM IN RELIGION, POLITICS, AND DEMOCRACY (120 ECTS CREDITS)

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); see section *Meeting the English requirements with an English test*.

**DEMONS AND ANGELS: EAST AND WEST (7.5 ECTS CREDITS)**

To be eligible for the course, an applicant must either have a bachelor’s degree in theology/religious studies, comprising 180 ECTS credits, or a degree in related field (equivalent to a Swedish Kandidatexamen).

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); see section *Meeting the English requirements with an English test*.

**DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES (240 ECTS CREDITS)**

Requirements for the Doctoral program in Eastern Christian Studies will be published on our website when new places become available. More information can be found at Doctoral program in Eastern Christian Studies – University College Stockholm (ehs.se).



# ADMISSION

## HOW TO APPLY

The application period opens on March 15th and closes on April 19th. Any additional application periods will be announced on our website (as well as on [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se) and [www.antagning.se](http://www.antagning.se) for programs and courses organized fully or in part by Stockholm School of Theology – University College Stockholm).

The method of application varies between different courses and programs. For most special courses and programs, as well as some of the vocational programs organized by Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola, you can apply through online forms on our website ([www.sanktignatios.org](http://www.sanktignatios.org)), while for the Pastoral-Pedagogical and Religious Educator programs, Academic Degrees, as well as special programs and courses organized by the Department of Eastern Christian Studies, Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm) you can apply through the website [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se) or [www.antagning.se](http://www.antagning.se). You can find all the forms or links you need on our website.

Contact [admission@sanktignatios.org](mailto:admission@sanktignatios.org) or [antagning@sanktignatios.org](mailto:antagning@sanktignatios.org) if you have questions regarding our programs or the admissions process.

## COST OF STUDY

Students at **Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola** are not required to pay tuition fees if they are registered (“folkbokförda”) in Sweden. Distance learning may be available for students living abroad, with a fee. To find out more about this contact the administration at [admission@sanktignatios.org](mailto:admission@sanktignatios.org).

However, students registered for vocational programs, special programs and courses organized by Sankt Ignatios folkhögskola and for the Allmän kurs are required to pay a service fee, which is 1200 SEK per semester for full-time on-campus students, 600 SEK per semester for part-time on-campus students (50 %), 300 SEK per semester for part-time on-campus students (25 %) and 400 SEK per semester for part-time students (50 %) who study via distance learning, and 200 SEK per semester for part-time students (25 %) who study via distance learning. These fees are revised regularly. Please check our website for the current costs. This fee covers refreshments, insurance, administration, and some materials used by students in connection with their studies. Please note that the fee does not cover course literature, which, where necessary, students are required to purchase themselves. Students have access to a small but well stocked library in Södertälje and to a much larger theological library at University College Stockholm.

Students at **Stockholm School of Theology, University College Stockholm** are not required to pay tuition fees if they are citizens of Sweden, of another EU/EEA country, Switzerland, or if they have been granted permission to live in Sweden. Online/distance teaching is also available without fees for citizens outside Sweden who are citizens of an EU/EEA country or Switzerland. The information about tuition fees for other international students is available on [ehs.se/en/students/fees-finance/](http://ehs.se/en/students/fees-finance/).

Accommodation is available for the students of Sankt Ignatios College programs such as Pastoral-Pedagogical Program, Religious Educator Program and on-campus programs related to the Tewahedo tradition. The cost for accommodation at the seminary is 2500 SEK per month for the first year. From the second until the fourth year of studies the cost for accommodation can vary from 3500 to 5000 SEK per month depending on kind of accommodation. These fees include the cost of food. The fees are revised annually. Please check our website for the current costs.

## STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Students at Sankt Ignatios are encouraged to apply for financial support through the Swedish Board of Student Finance (Centrala Studiestödsnämnden – CSN). Those who apply for such support must be ready to provide information about any previous studies they have undertaken since this will determine whether they are eligible for support and the amount of aid they are potentially entitled to.

Read more about how to apply for student financial aid at [www.csn.se](http://www.csn.se).

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