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Two Church Families

Sankt 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 churches in a variety of ministries such as priests, deacons, deaconesses, cantors and educators, and to provide a public forum where the churches can engage in inter-Orthodox discussion and mission. 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 different Orthodox Christian traditions. The unique education we offer through Sankt Ignatios College is offered in partnership with the seminaries and projects which express the faith and practice of different member traditions. The Syrian and Tewahedo (Ethiopian and Eritrean) seminaries are residential and the students form communities of learning and worship. The Byzantine tradition (Greek and Slavic) is represented by different projects which are offered by the Serbian and Georgian Orthodox churches.

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.

We believe that by helping our students to become more aware of the roots, history, and practices of their own traditions, 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, and that it is a vital element of human personal development. Educated and informed people are better church members and citizens.

Sankt Ignatios offers three types of education.

At the folkhögskola, students can either study the allmän kurs, which provides a campus-based, gymnasium-level education for adults or, if they have already completed their school education, study courses designed to educate participants about the Christian faith and the various Orthodox traditions. Applicants usually choose the allmän kurs if they are looking to get the necessary qualifications to find a job or go on to further education, while many of those who apply for the theological education are hoping to go on to some kind of vocational service in the church as priests, deacons and deaconesses, cantors, Sunday school teachers or educators. There are also many who apply simply because they want to deepen their understanding of their own tradition or because they are exploring the possibilities of church service.

The courses within the theological education are offered by the seminaries and projects which represent the different Orthodox traditions which make up the Sankt Ignatios Orthodox church family. For this reason, these courses are connected to one or other particular Orthodox tradition, although all our courses are open to anyone with the necessary facility in the language of instruction.

All courses taught at the folkhögskola, both the allmän kurs and those in the theological education, are characterised by the principles of Swedish 'folkbildning', in which education is understood as a cooperative venture involving the individual student, her or his fellow students and the teacher. In 'folkbildning' the goal of education is not to fill a student's head with knowledge but to inspire the student to learn and discover truth for themselves. The aim is not to pass exams but to develop as a human being.

The third form of education consists of academic courses and programs taught at the department of Eastern Christian Studies at Stockholm School of Theology, which is a part of University College Stockholm (EHS). This cooperative venture between Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola and EHS allows students to study the Eastern Christian tradition in an academic way, with the possibility to read for a bachelor of theology (BTh) degree, a master of theology (MTh) degree, or a doctorate.

Theological students at the folkhögskola and students in the Department of Eastern Christian Studies are also enrolled in Sankt Ignatios College, which allows for a great deal of flexibility in the form and nature of their education. Most of our students take a combination of folkhögskola and university courses depending on their interests and needs, where the rigorous scholarly training at the university is balanced by the folkhögskola courses, which allow students to play a much larger role in the design and content of their courses and which invite a much greater level of contribution from them. Those engaged in our two main vocational programs, the Pastoral – Pedagogical Program and the Religious Educator Program, combine courses from both levels.

It is also possible for those who simply wish to deepen their understanding of Christianity, and of the Orthodox faith and tradition, to take one or more of our free-standing courses. Some of these can be studied part-time and some are distance courses. Many choose to study these as a way of discerning whether they are called to service in the Church.

Our Teachers

The teachers at the allmän kurs are experienced and committed educators and come from a wide range of backgrounds and experience.

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 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 methods 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.



Vocational Programs at Sankt Ignatios College

Those who are called to serve in the Church need training that equips them academically, practically and spiritually. At Sankt Ignatios College our programs offer all these elements within a framework which is up-to-date, flexible and student-centered.

Each of our students belongs to one of our seminaries or emerging seminary projects, and their education is specifically geared towards that tradition. Some elements of certain programs are taught in common, usually at our campus in Södertälje, while some are specific to a particular tradition and are taught only in that seminary.

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

Pastoral - Pedagogical Program

The priest is central for the life of a Church. He celebrates the liturgy together with the parish, gathers people together for prayer and helps them discover the roots of their tradition. The priest offers care and spiritual counselling to people at times of need and crisis in their lives, and he 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.

On the pedagogical track of the Pastoral - Pedagogical Program, our students receive a thorough understanding of the Church's theological and biblical tradition as well as tools which will allow him or her to communicate their knowledge to others. Our students learn how to create a safe and stimulating learning environment within a Church congregation and how to encourage participation in the life of the Church by lay members.

Students on this program receive a theological education at bachelor's level with a focus on Eastern Christian Studies at Stockholm School of Theology. In addition, they are trained in subjects such as practical liturgics, pastoral theology and Church languages.

Length 4 years (full-time), 180 ECTS credits	Level Seminary - Post secondary school level & University - First cycle
Study pace Full-time (100%), see page 59	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola & Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Study time Daytime, certain weekends and evenings	More information www.ehs.se/en/academics/ professionalprograms/pastoral-pedagogical
Type of instruction On-campus	
Language of instruction English	
Location Campus Södertälje (year 1-2) Campus Bromma (year 3-4)	

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 future 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.

Students on this program receive a theological education at master's level with a focus on 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 participation in the life of the Church by clergy and lay members. The successful student will be well equipped to help the Church to meet the challenges it faces today.

The program can be taken over two years (for students who already have a bachelor's degree in a theological or a biblical subject) or over three years (for students 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	Level Seminary - Post secondary school level & University - Second cycle
Study pace Full-time (100%), see page 59	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola & Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Study time Daytime, certain weekends and evenings	More information www.ehs.se/en/academics/ professional-programs/religious-educator
Type of instruction On-campus	
Language of instruction English	
Location Campus Södertälje & Campus Bromma	



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 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 General Education program where Swedish and English will be used.

The program includes Geez and Zema training for sacramental and liturgical services, and nine additional modules to be delivered over the course of two years: Dogmatic Theology, Church History I, Bible Study, Patrology, Church History II, Canon Law and Church Administration, Ecclesiology, Liturgy and Homiletics. 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.

Length

2-3 years

Study pace

Part-time (50%) or full-time (100%), see page 59

Study time

Daytime

Type of instruction

On-campus

Language of instruction

Tigrigna and Swedish or Amharic and Swedish

Location

Campus Södertälje

Level

Seminary education that can be combined with General Education courses

Organizer

Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Deaconal 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 Tewahdo Church. 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 general education program where Swedish and English will be used.

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

Length 2-3 years	Language of instruction Tigrigna and Swedish or Amharic and Swedish
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Level Seminary
Study time Daytime	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola
Type of instruction Distance learning	

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. This module does not require proficiency in Swedish or English. However, participants study this course in combination with the general education program 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 nine other theological training modules including Dogmatic Theology, Church History I, Bible Study, Patrology, Church History II, Canon Law and Church Administration, Ecclesiology, Liturgy and Homiletics.

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

Length 4-6 years	Language of instruction Tigrigna and Ge'ez or Amharic and Ge'ez
Study pace Part-time (50%) or full-time (100%), see page 59	Location Campus Södertälje
Study time Daytime	Level Seminary education that can be combined with General Education courses
Type of instruction On-campus	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 Tewahdo Church in parish ministry. This two-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 general education program 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 nine theological training modules over the course of two years: Dogmatic Theology, Church History I, Bible Study, Patrology, Church History II, Canon Law and Church Administration, Ecclesiology, Liturgy and 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 according to 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.

Length 2-3 years	Location Campus Södertälje
Study pace Part-time (50%) or full-time (100%), see page 59	Level Seminary education that can be combined with General Education courses
Study time Daytime	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola
Type of instruction On-campus	
Language of instruction Tigrigna and Swedish or Amharic and Swedish	

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 Tewahdo Church in parish ministry. This two-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 general education program where Swedish and English will be used.

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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. Participants can study online, on a part-time basis with the approval and guidance of the rector of the seminary.

Length 2-3 years	Language of instruction Tigrigna and Swedish or Amharic and Swedish
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Level Seminary
Study time Daytime	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola
Type of instruction Distance learning	

Special Programs & Courses at Sankt Ignatios College

We offer a wide range of special programs and courses, some of which can be studied part time or by distance, which means that even if you live far from our campus in Södertälje, you can still take part in the rich variety of programs and courses we offer. Our special programs and courses are designed for those who are interested in deepening their faith and growing in their knowledge of the theology and the tradition of their church. Each course is taught as part of the seminary education offered in our seminaries or as a part of the Stockholm School of Theology. Many courses are related to a particular Orthodox tradition. You don't have to be a member of that tradition to take the course but the language requirements might prevent some people from participating in some courses.



The Byzantine Orthodox Tradition

Courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

Biblical and Liturgical Greek (Koinē)

In an environment grounded in collaboration, sharing of learning, and reflection you will be introduced to the basics of biblical and liturgical Greek. You will learn to read biblical and liturgical texts with the ecclesiastical pronunciation used in the Orthodox Church today. You will receive an orientation in basic Greek grammar in order to be able to understand simpler sentences from the Bible and the prayers of the Church. The course consists of both lessons with a fixed structure and freer sessions which offer plenty of opportunities for the participants to influence the content. The course is suitable for beginners in Greek as well as those who may have studied New Testament Greek before and want to refresh their knowledge while gaining insight into Greek as a living liturgical language.

Length 1 year	Language of instruction English or Swedish depending on the group
Study pace Part time (50%), see page 59	Level Seminary
Type of instruction On-campus or Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Biblical Exegesis (in Serbian)

The biblical text is one of the world’s oldest expressions of faith and one of the foundations of Christian theology. However, precisely because it is an ancient text, it is often difficult to interpret, especially for an inexperienced reader. Therefore, it is not enough to simply read it – the reader needs to understand it. To quote the Gospel: “Let the reader understand it” (Mark 13:14). This course aims to familiarize students with the biblical text through lectures and discussions examining specific passages (from both the Old and New Testaments). Every passage is approached from three basic angles: its original meaning, patristic interpretation, and contemporary interpretation of the text.

Length 1 year	Language of instruction Serbian
Study pace Part time (50%), see page 59	Level Preparatory
Type of instruction Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Eastern Christianity in its Texts

For many people, the dogmas, beliefs, and practices of the Church come ready-packaged, but they often lack a contextual understanding of how these dogmas, beliefs and practices developed. This course takes a holistic approach by introducing the historical circumstances, protagonists, emerging beliefs, and ideas involved in shaping the Eastern Christian tradition. The main course literature, written by Sankt Ignatios faculty member Cyril Hovorun, is designed to invite participants to actively explore the primary source texts that contributed to the articulation and development of Eastern Christianity. Thus, the course encourages participants to enter and engage the very dialogues, controversies and circumstances that culminated in the articulation of Eastern Christian tradition. The course literature also provides a thorough overview of the historical period that both shaped the Church and divided it, helping participants to acquire a deeper understanding of both past and present.

Length 1 year	Language of instruction Swedish and English
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Level Seminary
Type of instruction Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola



Georgian Orthodox Church Music

This course in Georgian Orthodox Church Music will provide participants with an introduction to this rich and vibrant musical tradition. The course will focus on developing the fundamental skills necessary to perform Georgian Orthodox Church Music, including sight-reading, vocal technique, aural skills, and knowledge of chant traditions. Participants will also learn about the historical, cultural, and regional context of Georgian chant, and gain an understanding of its different schools and styles, namely the Kakhetian, the Imeretian, and the Gurian. Through participation in choir performances, chant in the context of liturgical worship, and individual study, participants will develop a strong sense of musical expression and cultural authenticity, and an appreciation for the role of Georgian Orthodox Church Music in the cultural and religious heritage of Georgia. The course will take place in a supportive and immersive learning environment, allowing participants to fully engage with the music and the broader cultural and liturgical context in which it is rooted.

Length 1 year	Language of instruction Georgian and Swedish
Study pace Part time (50%), see page 59	Location Stockholm
Study time Evenings and weekends	Level Preparatory
Type of instruction On-campus	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

History of the Church (in Serbian)

The history of the Church is a history of its faith. It is impossible to fully understand the dogmas and practices of the Orthodox Church without knowing how they emerged and developed throughout history and impossible to speak about the history of the Church without mentioning dogmas, traditions, the church fathers and their teaching, church councils, etc. Therefore, learning about church history can provide a better understanding of our Christian identity. In addition, better knowledge of history can lead to a better understanding of the divisions and contemporary problems in the present-day Orthodox Church.

This course aims to familiarize students with the most significant individuals and events from church history. The first part of the course is a general overview of the history of Christianity. Since the history of Orthodox churches is often intertwined with national histories, the second part focuses more on the history of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

Length 1 year	Language of instruction Serbian
Study pace Part time (50%), see page 59	Level Preparatory
Type of instruction Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola



Orthodox Hagiography with a Focus on the Translation

The calendar texts about the Orthodox saints, the synaxarion of the Orthodox Church, are an often overlooked source of historical and theological insight. This course, in seminar form, focuses in particular on the synaxarion texts of Sundays and feast days based on the large synaxarion compiled by Hieromunk Makarios of Simonopetra, which has been translated into many European languages, but not yet into Swedish. Participation in the course presupposes good knowledge of Swedish, and some knowledge of English, French, or Greek.

Length 1 year, divided into three study periods (summer, autumn 2023 and spring 2024)	Language of instruction Swedish
Study pace Part time (50%), see page 59	Level Seminary
Type of instruction Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Serbian Church Music

The course is designed as a gradual path from studying notation to singing hymns from the service books. Participants will learn how to read western staff notation, use their voice, read biblical passages in the context of the services, and, based on that, correctly work with the liturgical texts and set music to them.

Length 1 year	Language of instruction Serbian
Study pace Part time (50%), see page 59	Level Preparatory
Type of instruction Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola



The Syrian Orthodox Tradition

Courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

Classical Syriac - Kthobonoyo

You can study this course if you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced student in 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 course takes the student 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 pronunciations 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	Language of instruction Swedish, English and Syriac
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Level Seminary
Type of instruction Distance learning	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 children 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:

1. Introduction to pedagogy in general and child pedagogy in particular.
2. Sunday school as a place of growth and learning.
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	Level Seminary (there are no prerequisites for this course)
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola
Type of instruction Distance learning	
Language of instruction Swedish and English	

Syrian Fathers I

In order to contextualize the West Syrian tradition, the participant will be introduced to the development of the early church and the spread of Christianity in the Roman empire. This first part will introduce some of the Fathers up to the 4th century, including: Ignatius of Antioch, Aphrahat, Ephrem, and the Cappadocian fathers (Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzen and Gregory of Nyssa). The course will cover different lines of development in the early Syriac communities prior to the Christianization of the Roman Empire and touch upon the impact of the council of Nicaea and the Christianization of the empire which results in a catholic church. The course will also introduce the role of women in the West Syrian tradition as exemplified by the Daughters of the Covenant.

Length 1 year	Level Seminary (there are no prerequisites for this course)
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola
Type of instruction Distance learning	
Language of instruction Swedish and English	

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. The overall purpose of the course is to offer to the participants an opportunity to both deepen their theoretical and practical knowledge of their 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:

1. **Biblical studies:** Introduction to the Scripture and its place within the Church.
2. **Ecclesiology:** Introduction to the Ecumenical synods and canon laws.
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%), see page 59	Level Seminary
Type of instruction Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Syrian Orthodox Faith and Life in Swedish

This course is aimed at the youth in the Syrian Orthodox Church in Sweden. The overall purpose of the course is to offer the Syrian Orthodox youth an opportunity to both deepen their theoretical and practical knowledge of their 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:

- 1. **Sources of the Syrian Orthodox Church**, 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.
- 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.
- 3. **Patristics**, which focuses on significant Church Fathers of the Syrian Orthodox tradition in five particular eras, namely, the apostolic, pre-Chalcedonian, post-Chalcedonian, post-Islamic and the present.
- 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 (Šḥimo) and the prayers of the Church year (Fanqitho och M'ad'dono).

Length 1 year	Language of instruction Swedish
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Level Seminary
Type of instruction Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Syrian Orthodox Hymnology

This course is for both beginners and advanced participants in hymnology. The Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch has a rich tradition of hymnody 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 Syrian Orthodox 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 the participants to partake in this great tradition.

Length 1 year	Language of instruction Swedish, English and Syriac
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Level Seminary
Type of instruction Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Syrian Theology - Yulfono

This course is an introduction to teaching and life of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch in the English language. The overall purpose of the course is to offer to the participants an opportunity to both deepen their theoretical and practical knowledge of their Church's teaching and life, and to develop their ability to reflect on, explain and talk about what they have learned. The course consists of four modules. In each module there will be an examination.

- 1. **Biblical studies:** Introduction to the 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 English
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Level Seminary
Type of instruction Distance learning	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 an understanding of leadership as well as the competencies required to meet the responsibilities and challenges of different leadership roles within the organization of the Church.

Length 1 year	Level Preparatory
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola
Type of instruction Distance learning	
Language of instruction Tigrigna and Swedish or Amharic and Swedish	

Ge'ez Language I (Beginner Level)

This course will present a general introduction to the history of the Ge'ez language, and its role in Orthodox Tewahedo Church Tradition. It also discusses the Ten basics of Ge'ez (አስሩ መሰረታዊ) and their function to determine the forms of verbs as masculine or feminine, and singular or plural. In addition, the course addresses different parts of speech such as nouns, prepositions, pronouns, verbs [types of verbs and their natures], conjunctions and adverbs. Lastly, the course introduces clauses [dependent and independent], and various types of sentences based on their structural and functional classification.

Length 1 year (40 weeks)	Language of instruction Tigrigna and Amharic
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Level Preparatory
Type of instruction Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Ge'ez Language II (Intermediate level)

This course covers basic grammar in Ge'ez language such as verb conjugation [መግቢያ ርቀታ ከነጻዙ ከነ አባጋዙ] and various ranges of adjectives. In addition, it explores different reading techniques employed in the tradition of Ge'ez language learning. Moreover, the course emphasizes constructing sentences in Ge'ez language and translating sentences from Amharic to Ge'ez and from Ge'ez to Amharic.

Length 1 year (40 weeks)	Language of instruction Tigrigna and Amharic
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Level Preparatory
Type of instruction Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Introduction to Tewahedo Liturgy

This course introduces the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Ethiopian and Eritrean Orthodox Tewahedo Church which has been regarded as the supreme act of communal worship through the ages. The course explores all the sections of the liturgical services: preparatory service, pre-Anaphora (Serate Qedase), and the Anaphora (Qedase). In addition, it examines the origins and sources of the Tewahdo Anaphoras and their developments, and the significance of Qedase. Moreover, the course discusses the theological message of the actions performed during the actual liturgy. Key elements in the practice and leadership of worship will be explored.

Length 1 year	Language of instruction Tigrigna and Amharic
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Level Preparatory
Type of instruction Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Introduction to Tewahedo Tradition in Tigrinya

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 a total of six modules: Dogmatic Theology, Church History, Bible Study, Patrology, Ecclesiology, and Liturgics. The teaching takes its starting point from the perspective of the participant’s pre-knowledge and, if deemed suitable, the teacher may divide the group into beginner and advanced levels.

Length 2 years	Language of instruction Tigrigna
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Level Seminary
Type of instruction Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Orthodox Spirituality in Practice

This course is aimed at providing basic theoretical and practical instruction on the day-to-day Orthodox spiritual life for the laity. The course is designed to be inclusive so that a lay member of the church from any social or educational background can participate. The course also is designed to be understood and followed by people of all ages and knowledge levels. The course focuses on how an Orthodox Christian can lead his/her life in accordance with Christian ethics, fulfil the basic expectations of a Christian spirituality and have a good relationship with God, fellow Christians and the wider community. The course will be given for one year, (two semesters), and explores how an Orthodox Christian should lead a life of prayer, fasting, confession and participation in the holy sacraments. It also gives guidance on how one can read and reflect on holy scriptures (the Holy Bible and the Life of Saints) and use them for daily practical self-instruction.

Length 1 year	Language of instruction Tigrigna and Amharic
Study pace Part-time (50%), see page 59	Level Preparatory
Type of instruction Distance learning	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Inter-Orthodox Programs & Courses

Courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

Orthodox Theology and Leadership

This course opens new possibilities for participants to study together with students on the pastoral pedagogical program by following parts of the program that are given through Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola. This includes an introduction to Christian faith, as well as modules in homiletics, rhetoric, pedagogics, and dynamic workshops where participants work through material, questions and experiences prompted by their studies.

Length 1 year	Language of instruction English
Study pace Part-time (25%), see page 59	Location Campus Södertälje
Study time Daytime, certain weekends and evenings	Level Seminary
Type of instruction On-campus	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Freestanding programs organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola and 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 Seminary – Post secondary school level & University – First cycle
Study pace Full-time (100%), see page 59	Organizer Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola & Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Study time Daytime, certain weekends and evenings	More information www.ehs.se/en/academics/ other-study-options/ introduction-orthodox-theology
Type of instruction On-campus	
Language of instruction English	
Location Campus Södertälje	



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

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%), see page 59	Organizer Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction Distance learning	More information www.ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-options/icons-art-and-theology
Language of instruction English	

Academic Programs at Sankt Ignatios College

Theology was once known as the “Queen of the Sciences” as it addressed the ultimate human question: our relationship to God. Today theologians are still the best equipped people to answer the existential questions that really matter.

At Sankt Ignatios College students are able to study theology even if they do not intend to serve in the Church in a particular pastoral role. We offer BTh and MTh degrees in Eastern Christian Studies, a MTh in International Relations and Ecumenism, a MTh in Religion Politics and Democracy and PhD degrees. Although still part of the College, the student’s education is provided by the Department of Eastern Christian Studies at Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm). Applications for the degree programs below should be made through universityadmissions.se

Freestanding courses in Eastern Christian Studies

Most courses in the programs 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 freestanding programs are also available:

- Introduction to Orthodox Theology (see page 43)
- Icons: Art and Theology (see page 44)

More information:

www.ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-options/freestanding-courses-eastern-christian-studies

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	Location Campus Södertälje (year 1) & Campus Bromma (year 2-3)
Study pace Full-time (100%, 3 years) or part-time (50%) during year 1&2 and full-time (100%) during year 3&4, see page 59	Level University
Study time Daytime	Organizer Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction On-campus/Distance learning	More information www.ehs.se/en/academics/undergraduate-programs/eastern-christian-studies
Language of instruction English	

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	Location Campus Bromma
Study pace Full-time (100%), see page 59	Level University
Study time Daytime	Organizer Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction On-campus/Distance learning (individually decided)	More information www.ehs.se/en/academics/other-study-options/pre-masters-program-eastern-christian-studies
Language of instruction English	

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 Södertälje & Campus Bromma
Study pace Full-time (100%), see page 59	Level University
Study time Daytime	Organizer Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction On-campus or distance learning	More information www.ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/eastern-christian-studies-60credits
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 Södertälje & Campus Bromma
Study pace Full-time (100%), see page 59	Level University
Study time Daytime	Organizer Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction On-campus or distance learning	More information www.ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/eastern-christian-studies-120credits
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 Södertälje & Campus Bromma
Study pace Full-time (100%), see page 59	Level University
Study time Daytime	Organizer Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction On-campus or distance learning	More information www.ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/international-relations-ecumenism-60credits
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 Södertälje & Campus Bromma
Study pace Full-time (100%), see page 59	Level University
Study time Daytime	Organizer Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Type of instruction On-campus or distance learning	More information www.ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/international-relations-ecumenism-120credits
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	Organizer Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Study pace Full-time (100%), see page 59	More information www.ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/religion-politics-democracy-60credits
Type of instruction Distance learning	
Language of instruction English	
Level University	

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	Organizer Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Study pace Full-time (100%), see page 59	More information www.ehs.se/en/academics/graduate-programs/religion-politics-democracy-120credits
Type of instruction Distance learning	
Language of instruction English	
Level University	

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, Miriam Lindgren Hjälms (miriam.hjalm@sanktignatios.org).

Length 4 years (full-time) or 8 years (part-time), 240 ECTS credits	Level University
Study pace Full-time (100%) or part-time (50%), see page 59	Organizer Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)
Language of instruction English	More information www.ehs.se/en/research/ eastern-christian-studies
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 60, and on our website.

Study Pace Categories

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Students are expected to participate in all course activities, both by being present and playing an active role at scheduled sessions, and by completing assignments outside of scheduled lessons. If participants miss lessons, they may be required to do extra assignments to fulfill the participation requirements of the course. 80% attendance and participation (completion of assignments) are required for the course to be considered completed (to get CSN and a course certificate).

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.

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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
- Deaconal 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)
- Biblical and Liturgical Greek (Koinē)
- Biblical Exegesis (in Serbian)
- Eastern Christianity in its texts
- Georgian Orthodox Church Music
- History of the Church (in Serbian)
- Orthodox Hagiography with a Focus on the Translation
- Serbian Church Music
- Classical Syriac - Kthobonoyo
- Sunday School Training - Syrian Orthodox Church
- Syrian Fathers I
- Syrian Orthodox Faith and Life in Arabic
- Syrian Orthodox Faith and Life in Swedish
- Syrian Orthodox Hymnology
- Syrian Theology - Yulfono
- Church Administration
- Ge'ez Language I (Beginner Level)
- Ge'ez Language II (Intermediate level)
- Introduction to Tewahedo Liturgy
- Introduction to Tewahedo Tradition in Tigrinya
- Orthodox Spirituality in Practice
- Orthodox Theology and Leadership

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 for:

- Pastoral - Pedagogical Program**
- Bachelor's Program in Eastern Christian Studies**
- Icons: Art and Theology**
- Introduction to Orthodox Theology**

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)

Requirements for:

- 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).

Requirements for:

Religious Educator Program

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*.

Requirements for:

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*.

Requirements for:

Doctoral Program in Eastern Christian Studies

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 17th. Any additional application periods will be announced on our website (as well as on www.universityadmissions.se and 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), 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 or www.antagning.se. You can find all the forms or links you need on our website.

Contact admission@sanktignatios.org or 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.

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%), and 400 SEK per semester for all part-time students (25% and 50%) 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 www.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 3500 SEK per month. 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.

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Sankt Ignatios Eritrean Tewahedo Orthodox Seminary

Sankt Ignatios Ethiopian Tewahedo Orthodox Seminary

Sankt Ignatios Byzantine Orthodox Project

