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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 twin aims 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 the Church (e.g. as priests, deacons and educators), and to provide a forum where the Churches could engage in theological reflection and discussion. Since then we have become the main facilitator of inter-Church communication, co-operation, and education within the Orthodox Churches in Sweden, and through our teaching and scholarship we have contributed to Orthodox life more widely within Europe and beyond.

## FOUR TRADITIONS

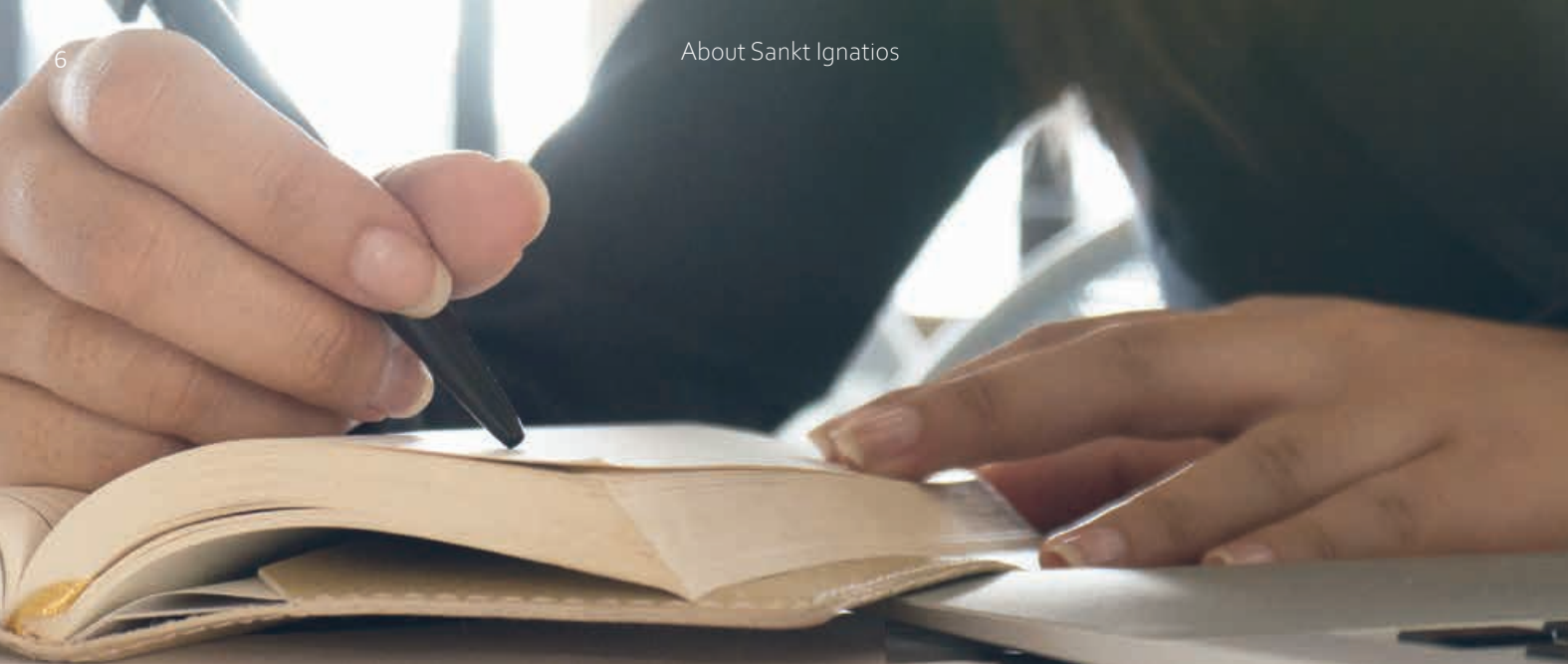
Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola works with four Orthodox Church traditions. These are:

- **The Byzantine Orthodox Tradition (Greek and Slavic)**
- **The Coptic Orthodox Tradition**
- **The Syriac Orthodox Tradition**
- **The Tewahedo Orthodox Tradition (Eritrean-Ethiopian)**

Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola is an expression of the search for greater unity and understanding between these traditions. We believe that only when we understand ourselves and one another better can we truly, from a position of confidence and sympathetic understanding, develop meaningful dialogue and collaboration with our brothers and sisters in the other Orthodox traditions.

We believe that by helping the people in our Churches to become more aware of the roots of their own history and tradition we are equipping them to play a fuller role as active participants both in the life of their Churches and within society, where, as informed Christians, they can make an enormous contribution to building a society marked by tolerance, respect for human rights and democratic values.





### THREE KINDS OF EDUCATION

Students at Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola are registered either on the General Education Program or in Sankt Ignatios College.

We offer three different kinds of education.

At Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola our **General Education Program** offers gymnasium and pre-gymnasium education to men and women who need to complete their basic education in order to find employment and to play their full role in Swedish society as informed and active citizens. Students receive tuition in subjects such as Swedish, English, mathematics, science and social studies. Students can study to a level equivalent to gymnasium level in the Swedish school system, which allows the student to go on to higher education or vocational training.

This is a full-time, campus-based education.

In Sankt Ignatios College we offer training and education to men and women who would like to learn more about their faith and tradition and to those who would like to serve their Church in a vocational role such as priest, deacon, religious educator, Sunday School teacher or cantor.

In the College we offer two kinds of education. **Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola (Specialized Education Program)** offers seminary training for teachers, leaders, and clergy, which may end with a professional degree, such as a Pastoral or Pedagogical degree, while **Stockholm School of Theology** offers a purely academic education, leading to a degree such as Bachelor of Theology, Master of Theology, or Doctor of Theology.

The training offered to priests and Church educators is a combination of both kinds and involves seminary training at Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola **and** academic training offered by the Department of Eastern Christian Studies at Stockholm School of Theology.

All students enrolled at the Department of Eastern Christian Studies are also enrolled in Sankt Ignatios College (even though they are not enrolled in Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola) so that Sankt Ignatios College provides the student environment and student aid, while the courses are conducted exclusively by Stockholm School of Theology.

All our academic staff are members of the Department of Eastern Christian Studies, which allows them to contribute to ongoing scholarly research and development both in the university and within the wider international networks of Orthodox scholarship. We aspire to produce research of the highest quality and to train the next generation of scholars and teachers through our doctoral and postgraduate programs. We value the opportunity this affords us to make a contribution to Church life and theological debate in Sweden from an Orthodox perspective.

Courses at the College take different forms. Some require full time study on campus and others can be studied part time or by distance learning. The details for each course can be found in this catalogue.

### FIVE PEDAGOGICAL PRINCIPLES

At Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola we seek to create 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. **In our classrooms therefore, we adopt a teaching style 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 aim 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.





# GENERAL EDUCATION

At Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola we begin with you as an individual. It is your goals, your potential and your own personal development that will determine the pace of your studies. We believe that education is a natural human process and takes place when our natural curiosity is matched with a learning environment which facilitates our search for answers. Education is not ‘imposed’ but nurtured.

We believe that through education we gain not only necessary skills for the workplace but also self-awareness, self-respect and confidence, as well as the ability to think critically about our lives and traditions and to engage in a positive way with our community and culture. Educated people are liberated people!

In our General Education Programs you will study subjects such as Swedish as a second language, mathematics, English, science, social studies, and religion. In addition to these, the programs emphasize democracy and human rights. We also offer the opportunity for students to take part in regular fitness classes and to learn the theory part of the Swedish driving test.

On the basis of a student’s goals and the extent of their previous studies we create an individual study plan for each student which will determine the length of time the student spends in the school. Each student receives a mentor who offers support and guidance during their time in the school and each student receives advice about career and further study options.

## PRE-GYMNASIUM LEVEL PROGRAM (SEQF LEVEL 2)

The Pre-Gymnasium Level Program provides a basic level education with an emphasis on the core subjects such as Swedish as a second language, English, and mathematics. This is equivalent to the school years 6-9 in the Swedish school system which Swedish students take between the ages 12-15. Some of our students have never studied at this level while others who have completed their basic education in another country do not have a qualification recognized in Sweden.

Following successful completion of this program, students can go on to the GYMNASIUM LEVEL PROGRAM (SEQF LEVEL 4). The Pre-Gymnasium Level Program also equips immigrants with a good knowledge of Swedish language and culture which allows them to more fully participate in society.

The program can be completed in 1-2 years depending on the student’s prior experience and aptitude.

There are no formal requirements for entry to the Pre-Gymnasium Level Program but each student will be assessed to determine their educational level. This assessment will help us shape their individual learning plan.

Because the courses in the program are taught in Swedish, applicants whose first language is not Swedish should have completed SFI level D. Applicants will be called to a placement test and interview to assess their language level in relation to the demands of the course.

Length: 1-2 years  
Study pace: Full-time (100%)  
Study time: Daytime  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: Swedish  
Location: Södertälje  
Level: Pre-gymnasium level (Seqf level 2)  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola



## GYMNASIUM LEVEL PROGRAM (SEQF LEVEL 4)

The Gymnasium Level Program provides more advanced education and in addition to the core subjects incorporates subjects such as social studies, science, history, religion and Swedish. This is equivalent to the school years G1-G3 which Swedish students usually study between the ages 15-18. After the program, students can enter the workplace or go on to further vocational training.

At the end of the program the student receives a certificate of completion and an assessment of the student’s progress.

It is also possible to study for the Swedish university entrance exam which provides access to university.

The requirement for entry to the program is completion of the PRE-GYMNASIUM LEVEL PROGRAM (SEQF LEVEL 2) or equivalent education.

The program can be completed in 1-3 years depending on the student’s prior experience and aptitude.

Length: 1-3 years  
Study pace: Full-time (100%)  
Study time: Daytime  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: Swedish  
Location: Södertälje  
Level: Gymnasium level (Seqf level 4)  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola



## OUR SEMINARIES

*During their studies our vocational students are attached to one of our four seminaries representing the different Orthodox Church traditions. Each of these seminaries takes responsibility for their student's programs of study, and is headed by its own rector who is appointed by the Dean, and who is responsible for the relationship with that Church's bishop.*

*The purpose of the seminaries is to provide students with pastoral formation and to deepen their awareness of their own tradition's practice. The seminaries become communities of learning and living, where students find a home and a family.*

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





### SANKT IGNATIOS BYZANTINE ORTHODOX SEMINARY

The Byzantine seminary offers students a thorough and critical understanding of several Orthodox traditions - Greek and Slavic - based on rigorous academic study and training in pastoral methodology including how to communicate the gospel (preaching and teaching), how to care for members of the community (pastoral care) and how to conduct the liturgy. We also offer students training in the more aesthetic aspects of the Byzantine Orthodox tradition – in the music of the liturgy and in icon painting. The seminary is located in a beautiful house in Södertälje, Stockholm. Here students share their everyday life, discuss their faith and pray together. In the seminary the rector lives with the students, providing leadership in the spiritual life of the seminary.



### 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 center of Södertälje, Stockholm. 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 on Sundays, students are encouraged to take part in services in local Churches in the Syriac tradition.



### SANKT IGNATIOS COPTIC ORTHODOX SEMINARY

The Coptic seminary prepares a seminarian to be not only a priest but a church leader and educator, someone who can inspire a community by showing what it means to be an active Christian within the body of Christ. For this reason, the life of a seminarian is necessarily a busy one. The day begins and ends with prayer (matins and vespers), and during the day our students travel, listen to lectures, read books, write papers, participate in liturgies, discuss with fellow students and take part in the communal everyday life of the seminary (cooking and cleaning!). The environment of the seminary provides an atmosphere of monastic life, characterized by silence, peace, education, prayer and work, in which the student finds a safe and nurturing home. The seminary is located in Södertälje, Stockholm.



### SANKT IGNATIOS TEWAHEDO ORTHODOX SEMINARY

The Tewahedo seminary which serves all the students from the Tewahedo Church is located in a large house outside of Södertälje, Stockholm. It is a great pleasure to hear students singing St. Yared's hymns and reading Ge'ez texts in this beautiful place where the students are surrounded by fields and forests. At the seminary all our vocational students (those who are training to be priests, deacons and cantors) and those who are studying on the B.Th., M.Th. and Th.D. programs have their bedrooms. The house also contains a prayer room, a kitchen and dining room and a teaching hall. Students deepen their devotion to God and their care for one another through sharing in the common life of the seminary (cooking, cleaning and other household tasks) and through participation in the daily liturgy and prayers.





## LEVELS AT SANKT IGNATIOS COLLEGE

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

**Preparatory level:** Courses at preparatory level require only a basic educational attainment.

**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.

**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 32, and on our website.**

## STUDY PACE CATEGORIES AT 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 20 hours, 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 10 hours, 5 hours will be contact hours (teacher-led), typically 1 hour a day for 5 days per week.

## STUDY PACE CATEGORIES AT 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)

# 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 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

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 1-2) & Campus Bromma (year 3-4)

Level: Seminary and University – First cycle (bachelor's degree) (180 ECTS credits)

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

## 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

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: Seminary and University – Second cycle (master's degree) (120 ECTS credits)

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





Programs organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

### **DEACON TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION**

This program is designed to prepare students for service as deacons in the Orthodox Tewahedo Church. The program lasts two years and is taught in Tigrigna or Amharic.

Those who participate in the program will gain sufficient knowledge to be able to serve successfully as deacons within the Orthodox Tewahedo Church.

Length: 2 years  
 Study pace: Full-time (100%)  
 Study time: Daytime, certain weekends and evenings  
 Type of instruction: On-campus  
 Language of instruction: Tigrigna or Amharic  
 Location: Tewahedo Seminary, Tysslinge  
 Level: Seminary  
 Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

### **PRIEST TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION**

This program is designed to train and prepare ‘servant’ priests who wish to serve the Orthodox Tewahedo Church in parish ministry. The program lasts two years and is taught in Tigrigna or Amharic. Students will also receive tuition in liturgical chants and hymns in the Ge’ez language.

Students who successfully complete this program will be able to celebrate sacramental services in accordance with the Tewahedo tradition and will also understand the Church’s administrative procedures so that they can lead a parish in accordance with canons of the Church. In addition, students will get the opportunity to develop pastoral skills under the guidance of qualified teachers.

To be enrolled in the program students must have successfully completed the DEACON TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION or an equivalent level of liturgical studies.

Length: 2 years  
 Study pace: Full-time (100%)  
 Study time: Daytime, certain weekends and evenings  
 Type of instruction: On-campus  
 Language of instruction: Tigrigna or Amharic  
 Location: Tewahedo Seminary, Tysslinge  
 Level: Seminary  
 Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

### **MAHLIETAY (CANTOR) TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION**

The Cantor Training Program is designed for students who wish to study the chants and hymns of St. Yared. The program is taught in Ge’ez, Tigrigna and Amharic.

It takes time to master these chants and hymns, especially for those who have no prior knowledge of them, and for that reason the course lasts between 4 and 6 years. During that time students will be able to study other related subjects and learn how to use instruments such as prayer sticks, drums, sistra, etc.

To be enrolled in the program students must have successfully completed the DEACON TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION or an equivalent level of liturgical studies.

Length: 4-6 years  
 Study pace: Full-time (100%)  
 Study time: Daytime, certain weekends and evenings  
 Type of instruction: On-campus  
 Language of instruction: Ge’ez, Tigrigna and Amharic  
 Location: Tewahedo Seminary, Tysslinge  
 Level: Seminary  
 Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola



# SPECIAL PROGRAMS & COURSES AT SANKT IGNATIOS COLLEGE

## THE BYZANTINE ORTHODOX TRADITION

Courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

### BYZANTINE CHURCH MUSIC

Church music comprises a great part of the services of the Orthodox Church. This course provides an introduction to the practical study of the Byzantine musical tradition. The main focus is learning how to sing the eight tones and other hymns within the Divine Liturgy in both the Slavonic and Greek Typikon. Applicants will be called to an interview to assess their musical ear.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (25%)  
Study time: Evenings  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: Swedish and English  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

### THE LITURGICAL ROLE OF THE DEACON

From the time of the earliest Christian community to the present, deacons have played an integral part in the life of the Church (Acts 6:1-6). A deacon in the Orthodox Church plays a vital role both in the liturgy and in the pastoral care of the Church community.

This course introduces students to the role of the deacon within the worship services of the Byzantine Churches, with a focus on the rubrics and the prayers. The main focus is the Divine Liturgy, the evening and morning services, and the major feasts, but the course will also give consideration to the other sacraments in the Church’s life. In addition, students will become acquainted with the liturgical cycle and the classical texts of Orthodox spirituality.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (50%)  
Study time: Weekends and evenings  
Type of instruction: On-campus with additional distance learning  
Language of instruction: Swedish and English or Swedish and Arabic  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

## THE COPTIC ORTHODOX TRADITION

Courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

### INTRODUCTION TO COPTIC CHURCH MUSIC AND HYMNS

This course introduces students to the history and usage of the traditional Church hymns of the Coptic Church. The course will help students to think in a systematic way about the learning and teaching of the Coptic hymns.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (25%)  
Study time: Weekends and evenings  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: Arabic and English  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

### INTRODUCTION TO THE COPTIC CHURCH LANGUAGE

Students will first learn the Coptic alphabet and the basic grammatical structure of the language. Following that, the course will introduce the student to liturgical Coptic at a beginner’s level. By the end of the course the student will be expected to be able to read and write words and phrases from the liturgy and simple sentences in Coptic.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (25%)  
Study time: Weekends and evenings  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: Arabic and English  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

### INTRODUCTION TO THE GREEK LANGUAGE

Students will first learn the Greek alphabet and the basic grammatical structure of the language. Following that, the course will introduce the student to liturgical Greek at a beginner’s level. By the end of the course the student will be expected to be able to read and write words and phrases from the liturgy and simple sentences in Greek.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (25%)  
Study time: Weekends and evenings  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: Arabic and English  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND YOUTH LEADER TRAINING

This course introduces students to the theoretical and practical aspects of Sunday School teaching and leadership. The course aims to help students develop the following areas of competence:

- Skills for building up a communicative environment in Sunday School classes.
- A thorough understanding of the role of Sunday School in the Church.
- A thorough understanding of the dialectical relationship between Church and society.
- Understanding learning obstacles for younger students.
- How to inspire rather than to simply instruct.

Students will be able to put the skills they learn into practice in a real Sunday School situation.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (50%)  
Study time: Weekends and evenings  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: English  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

THE SYRIAC ORTHODOX TRADITION

Courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

CLASSICAL SYRIAC

This course is an introduction to classical Syriac, the language which the Syriac Church Fathers spoke and wrote in. Many important theological and spiritual works have been composed in Syriac.

The student will be introduced to the alphabet and to Syriac grammar and syntax and learn simple sentences for daily use. The student will also meet basic level Syriac texts and learn how to understand and translate them.

West Syriac pronunciation is used throughout the course, but students are allowed to use other pronunciations as well.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (50%)  
Study time: Weekends and evenings  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: Swedish and English  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

INTRODUCTION TO THE SYRIAC ORTHODOX TRADITION

In this course students are introduced to Syriac Christianity and to the different sources associated with the tradition of the Syriac Orthodox Church, with a focus on developments during the 4<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> centuries. The course introduces the Syriac Bible, the monastic movement and its writers, patristic authors, historiographers, liturgical commentaries and canon law.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (50%)  
Type of instruction: Distance learning with on-campus meetings on 2 weekends per semester  
Language of instruction: Swedish and English  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

THE FAITH AND LIFE OF THE SYRIAC ORTHODOX CHURCH IN SWEDEN

This is a course aimed at young people to introduce them to and deepen their understanding of the faith and life of the Syriac Orthodox Church, and help them reflect on its place and role in Swedish society. It will seek to make the Church's faith relevant to young people today by helping them to see the practical applications of their faith. In addition, the course prepares participants not only to receive the tradition but also to be able to pass it on to others. Students will also participate in the liturgical life of the Church.

The course consists of four modules:

- I The sources of the Syriac Orthodox Church
- II The history and faith of the Church
- III The Syriac Fathers
- IV The Liturgy

Length: 2 years (1 module per semester)  
Study pace: Part-time (50%)  
Study time: Weekends and evenings  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: Swedish and English  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

THE LITURGICAL YEAR OF THE SYRIAC ORTHODOX CHURCH

This course deals principally with the Syriac Orthodox Church year, within the context of the development of the liturgical year in the early Church. We will read liturgical texts from the Church's prayer books – such as *Fanqitho*, *Kthobo d Husoye* and *M'ad'dono* – for the whole of the Church year in relation to the relevant scriptural readings. In addition, we will study secondary literature on the Bible to give a perspective on how the Bible should be read in relation to the liturgical year.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (50%)  
Type of instruction: Distance learning with on-campus meetings on 2 weekends per semester  
Language of instruction: Swedish and English  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

THE SYRIAC FATHERS I

The first part of a three-year course that introduces participants to the Syriac Church Fathers during three different eras in the history of the Syriac Orthodox Church.

Part I focuses on early Greek and Syriac Church Fathers before Chalcedon, including Ignatius of Antioch, Aphrahat, the Cappadocian Fathers and Ephrem the Syrian.

Part II (year 2) covers the Fathers who lived from the Council of Chalcedon until the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> century, including Philoxenus of Mabbug, Severus of Antioch and Jacob of Edessa.

Part III (year 3) deals with the Fathers from the 9<sup>th</sup> century until today including Moshe Bar Kifo, Bar-Salibi, Bar-Hebraeus, Mafryono Shemun and Aphrem Barsoum.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (50%)  
Type of instruction: Distance learning with on-campus meetings on 2 weekends per semester  
Language of instruction: Swedish and English  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola



# THE TEWAHEDO ORTHODOX TRADITION

Courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

## CANON LAW AND CHURCH ADMINISTRATION IN TIGRIGNA

The Church is not only a spiritual entity but also a social one which requires organization and administration. This course introduces students to how the Church is organized in accordance with canon law. In addition, the course deals with communication, administration and financial management, as well as the different approaches to leadership.

Length: 1 year  
Study pace: Part-time (50%)  
Type of instruction: Distance learning  
Language of instruction: Tigrigna  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

## INTRODUCTION TO THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION IN AMHARIC

This course is a modular distance course for those who are interested in studying the Ethiopian Orthodox tradition in Amharic. The course contains seven modules:

- Dogmatic Theology
- Church History
- Christology
- Bible Study
- Practical Theology (Ecclesiology, Liturgy, Holy Sacraments)
- Canon Law
- Church Administration

Length: 2 years  
Study pace: Part-time (50%)  
Type of instruction: Distance learning  
Language of instruction: Amharic  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

## INTRODUCTION TO THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION IN TIGRIGNA

This course is a modular distance course for those who are interested in studying the Eritrean Orthodox tradition in Tigrigna. The course contains six modules:

- Dogmatic Theology
- Church History
- Bible Study
- Patristics
- Ecclesiology
- Liturgics

Length: 2 years  
Study pace: Part-time (50%)  
Type of instruction: Distance learning  
Language of instruction: Tigrigna  
Level: Preparatory  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

# INTER-ORTHODOX PROGRAMS & COURSES

Programs organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola and 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. Through the combination of academic courses (at Stockholm School of Theology) and the practical painting courses ICON PAINTING I and ICON PAINTING II (at Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola), the program enables students to acquire both theoretical/theological understanding and practical skills in icon painting. Academic courses include Christian Art, East & West I and II, Theology of Icons and Iconology.

Students can choose to take only academic courses, without the practical icon-painting courses.

Length: 1 year, 30 ECTS credits  
Study pace: Part-time (50%)  
Type of instruction: Distance learning (academic courses) & On-campus (practical painting courses)  
Language of instruction: English  
Location: Campus Bromma (academic courses) & Campus Södertälje (practical painting courses)  
Level: University & Seminary  
Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm) & Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

Courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola:

## ICON PAINTING I

This is a practical course where students will be introduced to the traditional materials and techniques of icon painting and will gain practical experience of drawing and painting icons in traditional artistic media. By the end of the course students should be able to produce a small-scale icon.

Length: 1 semester (autumn 2020)  
Study pace: Part-time (25%)  
Study time: Weekends and evenings  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: English  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Seminary  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

## ICON PAINTING II

In this course students will improve their drawing and painting skills, as well as the knowledge of artistic media used in icon painting. In addition to traditional artistic media students will be introduced to contemporary approaches to icon painting, both in terms of the materials and media used, and also in terms of style. By the end of the course students should be able to produce medium or large-scale icons.

To be enrolled in the course students must have successfully completed ICON PAINTING I or gain permission from the instructor.

Length: 1 semester (spring 2021)  
Study pace: Part-time (25%)  
Study time: Weekends and evenings  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: English  
Location: Campus Södertälje  
Level: Seminary  
Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola



THE EASTERN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY AND TRADITION I

This course is an accessible introduction to Eastern Christian Studies with the aim of equipping students to serve their Churches in a thoughtful and critical way. In the course students are familiarized with the scriptural, theological and liturgical underpinnings of their tradition, and introduced to the development of the different forms of Orthodoxy through history. A special focus is given to the development of Christology up to and after the Council of Chalcedon.

Students pursue their studies in an inter-Orthodox context.

- Length: 1 year
- Study pace: Part-time (50%)
- Type of instruction: Distance learning with on-campus meetings
- Language of instruction: Arabic and English
- Location: Campus Södertälje
- Level: Seminary
- Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

THE EASTERN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY AND TRADITION II

This course is the follow-up to EASTERN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY AND TRADITION I. In this second part , students will be able to deepen their knowledge of the theological, scriptural and liturgical roots of the Orthodox Church, with a special focus on the history of the Church from the Chalcedonian schism until the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Students will learn more about the Apostolic Scriptures and exegetical methodology, study the development of the liturgy in the different Orthodox traditions and also make a deeper investigation of the patristic heritage of the Church.

- Length: 1 year
- Study pace: Part-time (50%)
- Type of instruction: Distance learning with on-campus meetings
- Language of instruction: Arabic and English
- Location: Campus Södertälje
- Level: Seminary
- Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The foundation of this course is youth leadership training in a scout and voluntary organization context. The course is aimed at those who have a leadership role in a scout group or youth association and who would like to develop their project management skills. The student will master the theory and the practical knowledge and skills needed to develop and manage a project while at the same time developing the competences necessary to become a safe and responsible project leader.

Participants should be active in an association or scout group.

- Length: 1 semester (spring 2021)
- Study pace: Part-time (50%)
- Study time: Weekends
- Type of instruction: Distance learning with occasional on-campus meetings
- Language of instruction: Swedish
- Location: Campus Södertälje
- Level: Seminary
- Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

QUALIFIED SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

This course is based on the Orthodox Church's faith and offers leadership training for those who work in a scout group or another kind of youth group and who would like to take more responsibility for the leadership and management of such a group. We offer theoretical and practical training and students will gain the knowledge and skills needed to help run and lead a youth project. They will also learn how to become trusted and responsible Christian instructors.

- Length: 1 year
- Study pace: Part-time (50%)
- Study time: Weekends
- Type of instruction: Distance learning with occasional on-campus meetings
- Language of instruction: Swedish
- Location: Campus Södertälje
- Level: Seminary
- Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola





THE SOURCES OF THE FAITH IN HISTORY AND THE PRESENT

In Semitic languages the words for source and eye are closely related. By studying the sources, we enter into a relationship with tradition, becoming a constitutive part of it. We learn to “see” together with our spiritual fathers and mothers. According to this approach, tradition is not seen as an all-encompassing holistic vision, nor as an object to be studied from without by a detached observer, but rather as something to be learned ‘from within’. An inside perspective, however, is not necessarily at odds with the scientific method – rather, the scientific method reinforces this sense of vision. For those who partake in tradition, the academic study of the sources of the faith becomes a fundamental part of their Christian formation.

The course requires a certain proficiency in academic reading although the pace of study is comparatively low compared to university studies.

The course is designed to be modular, which means that the modules can be taken in any order, or even separately. Each module is one semester long.

The course consists of the following modules:

PATRISTICS

This module introduces students to the history, theology and spirituality of the Church Fathers, with a focus on organizing them thematically and chronologically. It deals with the dynamic nature of theology, emphasizing that the theological task is never complete, and that every generation of Christians must take responsibility for, and continually develop, their theological thinking. This module will be offered during autumn 2020.

ECCLESIOLOGY

This module focuses on the Orthodox understanding of the Church as a concept, and how it is realized in practice. It provides an overview of canon law with an emphasis on the early councils, as well as principles of Church organization, both locally and between jurisdictions. This module will be offered during spring 2021.

LITURGICS

This module deals with liturgy as theology. Students learn the principles of liturgical theology, what liturgy is in relation to the Church, as well as acquiring an overview of how the liturgies developed in the Syriac, Coptic and Byzantine Orthodox Churches. This module will be offered during autumn 2021.

CHURCH HISTORY

This module traces the historical development of Orthodox Churches throughout the ages. Students acquire an overview of Syriac, Coptic and Byzantine Church history, with an emphasis on the influence that the council of Chalcedon, Islam, the Ottoman Empire and Communism have had on their development. This module will be offered during spring 2022.

THE APOSTOLIC SCRIPTURES

This module explores the Bible and the writings of the Apostolic Fathers, as well as how the Church Fathers approached and interpreted Biblical texts. Students will familiarize themselves with the Greek and Syriac canons as well as the texts of the Apostolic Fathers. This module will be offered during autumn 2022.

Length: 5 semesters (one module per semester)

Study pace: Part-time (50%)

Type of instruction: Distance learning

Language of instruction: English

Level: Seminary

Organizer: Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola

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

INTRODUCTION TO EASTERN ORTHODOX THEOLOGY

This 30-credit course consists of four parts:

- Theology and History
- Liturgy and Icons
- Perspectives of Life: Canon Law, Marriage and Ascetism
- The Eastern Orthodox Church in History and Present

The course aims to introduce students to the life, faith and practice of the Eastern Orthodox Church. The course will explore theological topics such as salvation, tradition, and the concept of man, and students will also be introduced to the liturgy, the liturgical year, icons, and saints. There will be opportunities to ponder subjects such as how asceticism can lead to inner peace, in what way marriage can be a way of becoming human and how canon law has operated within history. The course will make a study of specific Churches in contemporary society and the challenges they face. From this broad perspective the student will gain a good foundation and overview of this Christian tradition.

The course, taught as a part-time distance course, is perfect if you want to deepen your knowledge of the Eastern Orthodox tradition in one academic year.

Length: 1 year, 30 ECTS credits

Study pace: Part-time (50%)

Type of instruction: Distance learning

Language of instruction: English

Level: University

Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)

INTRODUCTION TO ORIENTAL ORTHODOX THEOLOGY

This 30-credit course consists of four parts:

- Liturgy and Icons
- The Oriental Churches and the Rise of the Arab Empire
- The Oriental Churches in the Later Ottoman Empire
- One of three elective subjects: Coptic Orthodox Theology, Tewahedo Orthodox Theology or the Renaissance of the Syriac Orthodox Church

Students will examine the effects of the formative encounter of the Churches with Islam, and particularly the effect this had on the self-understanding of the Churches. It took several hundred years for the Oriental Orthodox Churches to adapt to the new situation and during the early Ottoman period the Oriental Churches moved into dialogue with their surrounding culture and formulated a theology based on the new situation. The late Ottoman period, which ends with the Armenian and Syrian holocaust, was crucial for understanding the Oriental Orthodox Churches in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The course, taught as a part-time distance course, is perfect if you want to deepen your knowledge of the Oriental Orthodox tradition in one academic year.

Length: 1 year, 30 ECTS credits

Study pace: Part-time (50%)

Type of instruction: Distance learning

Language of instruction: English

Level: University

Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)





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

# ACADEMIC DEGREES AT SANKT IGNATIOS 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

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)

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

This one-year pre-master's program aims to provide students who have insufficient background to allow them to begin master's level studies in Eastern Christian Studies. Those who wish to study the pre-master's degree should have a bachelor's degree in humanities, or alternatively in social science where at least 2/3 of the degree is made up of humanities' subjects. If the proportion of humanities is less than this but above 50%, admission will depend on an individual decision.

Length: 1 year, 60 ECTS credits

Study pace: Full-time

Study time: Daytime

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

Language of instruction: English

Location: Campus Bromma

Level: University

Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)



MASTER’S PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

The master's program is a two-year program in which students acquire a deeper understanding of the field of Eastern Christian Studies as well as proficiency in communicating in a scholarly way at an advanced level. A master's program involves seminars, lectures and reading of set texts.

A student can choose to finish his or her studies after one year of study in which case, if their work has met the required standard, they receive a magister’s degree (60 ECTS credits).

The first year focuses on methods of study and the sources of our tradition and includes subjects such as:

- Theory and method, focusing specifically on Eastern Christian Studies
- Sacred texts in Orthodoxy and how to read them
- Methods and sources for the study of Patristics
- Liturgics and liturgical theology

In the second year, students specialize in one of the following three areas:

- The Church Fathers in their historical context
- The Church, its spirituality and its mission
- Church organization and the relation of the Churches to one another and to the wider world

In the second semester students write a thesis on a chosen area of study.

Length: 2 years, 120 ECTS credits  
Study pace: Full-time  
Study time: Daytime  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: English  
Location: Campus Bromma & Campus Södertälje  
Level: University  
Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)

MASTER’S PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ECUMENISM

The new M.Th. program in International Relations and Ecumenism, offered by the Stockholm School of Theology, aims at educating future professionals and scholars in the fields of international and inter-Church relations.

Relations between various Christian communities constantly evolve. Old models of cooperation and conflict between Churches decline, and new emerge instead. These processes depend on both theological and socio-political factors. 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  
Study pace: Full-time  
Study time: Daytime  
Type of instruction: On-campus  
Language of instruction: English  
Location: Campus Bromma & Campus Södertälje  
Level: University  
Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)

MASTER’S PROGRAM IN RELIGION, POLITICS AND DEMOCRACY

The new two-year master’s program in Religion, Politics and Democracy, within the Department of Eastern Christian Studies, aims at educating future professionals and scholars in the understanding of the relationship between religious ideas and institutions and the public sphere.

This program explores the interaction and mutual influences between theological ideas, religious beliefs and practices, and modern secular society and the contemporary globalization processes. Approaching these phenomena from an Eastern Christian perspective, the courses in this program will help students learn about how theology and Church practice relate to the ever changing social and political environments, how ideology (both within the Church and in society) structures our perception of the social sphere, and how one can engage with social and political contexts and democratic processes in a constructive and creative way.

The program equips students with theoretical knowledge, critical analysis and writing skills necessary for future work as professionals (e.g. educators, ministers, public servants, analysts, NGO personnel and activists) or for doctoral studies.

Length: 2 years, 120 ECTS credits  
Study pace: Full-time  
Type of instruction: Distance learning  
Language of instruction: English  
Level: University  
Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)

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 Academic Dean, Anne-Christine Lindvall (anne-christine.lindvall@ehs.se).

Length: 4 years (full-time) or 8 years (part-time), 240 ECTS credits  
Study pace: Full-time or part-time  
Language of instruction: English  
Location: Campus Bromma  
Level: University  
Organizer: Stockholm School of Theology (University College Stockholm)



# REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for

**PRE-GYMNASIUM LEVEL PROGRAM (SEQF LEVEL 2)**

There are no formal requirements for entry to the Pre-Gymnasium Level Program but each student will be assessed to determine their educational level. Because the courses in the program are taught in Swedish, applicants whose first language is not Swedish should have completed SFI level D.

Requirements for

**GYMNASIUM LEVEL PROGRAM (SEQF LEVEL 4)**

The requirement for entry to the program is completion of the PRE-GYMNASIUM LEVEL PROGRAM (SEQF LEVEL 2) or equivalent education.

Requirements for

- DEACON TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION
- PRIEST TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION
- MAHLIETAY (CANTOR) TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION
- BYZANTINE CHURCH MUSIC
- THE LITURGICAL ROLE OF THE DEACON
- INTRODUCTION TO COPTIC CHURCH MUSIC AND HYMNS
- INTRODUCTION TO THE COPTIC CHURCH LANGUAGE
- INTRODUCTION TO THE GREEK LANGUAGE
- SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND YOUTH LEADER TRAINING
- CLASSICAL SYRIAC
- INTRODUCTION TO THE SYRIAC ORTHODOX TRADITION
- THE FAITH AND LIFE OF THE SYRIAC ORTHODOX CHURCH IN SWEDEN
- THE LITURGICAL YEAR OF THE SYRIAC ORTHODOX CHURCH
- THE SYRIAC FATHERS I
- CANON LAW AND CHURCH ADMINISTRATION IN TIGRIGNA
- INTRODUCTION TO THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION IN AMHARIC
- INTRODUCTION TO THE TEWAHEDO TRADITION IN TIGRIGNA
- ICON PAINTING I
- ICON PAINTING II
- THE EASTERN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY AND TRADITION I
- THE EASTERN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY AND TRADITION II
- PROJECT MANAGEMENT
- QUALIFIED SCOUT LEADER TRAINING
- THE SOURCES OF THE FAITH IN HISTORY AND THE PRESENT

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 a 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 EASTERN ORTHODOX THEOLOGY**  
**INTRODUCTION TO ORIENTAL ORTHODOX THEOLOGY**

The applicant must have completed their upper secondary (high school) education. For more information please visit:  
[www.universityadmissions.se/en/all-you-need-to-know1/applying-for-studies/entry-requirements/bachelors-level-requirements/](http://www.universityadmissions.se/en/all-you-need-to-know1/applying-for-studies/entry-requirements/bachelors-level-requirements/)

Applicants must also be able to demonstrate a good 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. For more information, please visit:  
[www.universityadmissions.se/en/all-you-need-to-know1/applying-for-studies/english-requirements/](http://www.universityadmissions.se/en/all-you-need-to-know1/applying-for-studies/english-requirements/)

Requirements for

**PRE-MASTER’S PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES**  
Those who wish to study the Pre-Master’s degree should have a Bachelor’s degree in humanities, or alternatively in a social science where at least 2/3 of the degree is made up of humanities’ subjects. If the proportion of humanities is less than this but above 50%, admission will depend on an individual decision.

Requirements for

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR PROGRAM**  
**MASTER’S PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES**  
To be eligible to be admitted to the program, an applicant must either have a bachelor’s degree in theology/religious studies, comprising 180 ECTS credits or a degree in another subject as part of which they have taken religious studies or theological courses worth at least 60 credits, including a thesis of at least 15 credits. At least 15 credits should be in Eastern Christian Studies or an equivalent subject area within religious studies studied at an advanced level. Students with other relevant subjects or an equivalent foreign degree may be admitted on the basis of individual assessment and examination.

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

Students from outside Sweden, or students who cannot verify proficiency in English, are required to take an internationally recognized test, e. g. TOEFL, IELTS or equivalent.

Requirements for

**MASTER’S PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ECUMENISM**  
**MASTER’S PROGRAM IN RELIGION, POLITICS, AND DEMOCRACY**  
To be eligible to be admitted to the program, an applicant must either have a bachelor’s degree in theology/religious studies, comprising 180 ECTS credits or a degree in another subject as part of which they have taken religious studies or theological courses worth at least 60 credits, including a thesis of at least 15 credits. Students with other relevant subjects or an equivalent foreign degree may be admitted on the basis of individual assessment and examination.

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

Students from outside Sweden, or students who cannot verify proficiency in English, are required to take an internationally recognized test, e. g. TOEFL, IELTS or equivalent.

Requirements for

**DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES**  
Requirements for Th.D. are revised annually and will be published on our website when new places become available.

# ADMISSION

## How to Apply

The application period opens on **March 15<sup>th</sup>** and closes on **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 apply through online forms on our website, 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 apply through the website **www.universityadmissions.se** or **www.antagning.se**. You can find all the forms or links you need on our website.

For our General Education Program you apply through an online form on our website or by visiting the school in person. You can find the address on our website. After applying to the General Education Program you will be called for an interview where we will assess which level of study is most appropriate for you.

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 citizens of Sweden or another EU country or if they have been granted permission to live in Sweden. However, students registered for vocational programs, special programs and courses organized by Sankt Ignatios Folkhögskola and for the General Education Program are required to pay a service fee, which is 1200 SEK per semester for full-time students, 600 SEK per semester for part-time students and 400 SEK per semester for students who study by 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 buy themselves. Students have access to a small but well stocked library in Södertälje and to a much larger theological library at Stockholm School of Theology.

Students at **Stockholm School of Theology** 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. The information about tuition fees for other international students is available on [www.ehs.se](http://www.ehs.se). However, all students registered for academic programs are required to pay a student union fee, which is 150 SEK per semester for on-campus students and 100 SEK per semester for distance students.

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 in 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 the 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 seek financial support through the Swedish Board of Student Finance (Centrala Studiestödsnämnden - CSN). Those who seek 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 how much they might receive.

Read more about how to apply for student financial aid at **www.csn.se**.

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**SANKT IGNATIUS COLLEGE, STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY – UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STOCKHOM (CAMPUS BROMMA)**  
Åkeshovsvägen 29  
168 39 Bromma – Stockholm

**SANKT IGNATIUS FOUNDATION**  
Mälaregatan 4-6  
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