

Master's Program in

# Eastern Christian Studies

**T**his program provides an in-depth education in Eastern Christian Studies. A student can choose to study for four semesters (two years) after which they receive a master's (MTh) degree or to complete their studies after two semesters (one year) in which case they are awarded a magister's degree.

In the first year, students study method and theory in Eastern Christian Studies and the four sources of the Eastern Christian tradition: the Bible and other apostolic writings; the church fathers and their historical context; the Church's liturgy and spirituality; the organisation of the Church and its internal and external relations.

In the second year, students choose one of these subject areas to study in greater depth and, in addition, they also focus on one of the four Orthodox traditions: The Byzantine, the Coptic, the Syriac or the Ethio-Eritrean. Students who choose to focus on the bible and apostolic scriptures study within the framework of biblical studies throughout the second year.

**Length:** 2 years, 120 ECTS credits

**Study pace:** Full-time

**Type of instruction:** On campus

**Language of instruction:** English

**Level:** University (MTh)

**Organizer:** Stockholm School of Theology  
(University College Stockholm)

## STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

Year & Semester	Course Title	Credits / ECTS
Year 1 - Fall Semester	Theory and Method in Eastern Christian Studies	7.5
	The Sacred Scriptures in Eastern Christianity	7.5
	Patristics: Sources and Methods	7.5
	Liturgical Theology and Liturgics	7.5
Year 1 - Spring Semester	Elective Courses: Text and Context in Eastern Christian Studies, The Church in Theory and Practice.	15
	Elective Courses. Alternatively, those who are finishing their studies after one year write a thesis.	15
Year 2 - Fall Semester	Elective courses, depending on tradition and chosen source	15
	Thematic courses, depending on the thesis subject	15
Year 2 - Spring Semester	MTh Thesis. 30 credits (or 15 credits if the student has written a magister's thesis)	15/30

## REQUIREMENTS

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 a course in religious studies or other theological courses worth at least 60 credits, including a thesis worth 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.

## COST OF STUDY

Students at Stockholm School of Theology are not required to pay tuition fees if they are citizens of Sweden or another EU country, or if they have been granted permission to live in Sweden. The information about tuition fees for other international students is available on <https://ehs.se/tuition-fees>. However, all students registered for academic programs are required to pay a student union fee, which is 150 SEK per term for on-campus students.

## HOW TO APPLY

Apply through [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se) or [www.antagning.se](http://www.antagning.se) until August 10, 2020.

For all questions related to the program please visit <https://www.ehs.se/eastern-christian-studies> or contact senior lecturer Miriam Lindgren Hjälms at [miriam.hjalm@ehs.se](mailto:miriam.hjalm@ehs.se).

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