

One Year for the Church

Knowledge and life from the sources of the faith

One Year for the Church introduces the theology and traditions of the Orthodox Churches. This course is for those who belong to any of the Orthodox Churches and want to immerse themselves in their identity as a Christian, but it is also open for those who are merely curious about the Eastern Christian tradition for different reasons. The purpose of the course is to make the sources of the faith available to you and to help you understand how they can be study-objects and a source for reflection for your own life and the common life of the Church. The goal is not only new knowledge but maturing and developing as a human being and a Christian.

In *One Year for the Church* you study:

- Pastoral theology
- Practical liturgics (Syriac, Byzantine, Coptic, Tewahedo)
- Pedagogy
- Church languages, your own and Greek.
- Church history
- Sources of the faith: The apostolic scriptures (including the Bible), patristics, liturgics and ecclesiology.

You study together with others from various Orthodox traditions, but with good opportunities to focus on your own tradition. The camaraderie within the group is crucial. For this reason, common prayer, meals and practical work is part of the schedule. The goal is for the knowledge to be incorporated into your own thinking and way of life. The education offers a foundation for those who aspire to be leaders in the Church. By the end of the year you have the option to take an ecclesial examination which gives you the right to teach in the name of the Church.

SCOPE AND LOCATION

The studies take place in Södertälje and are full-time. Activities sometimes take place on evenings and weekends. The students take a shared responsibility for the facilities and the common life at the school. These practical aspects are integral to the program and therefore mandatory.

The fall term begins on August 22 and ends on December 20. The spring term begins on January 8 and ends on June 15.

PREREQUISITES

To be eligible for the course basic knowledge of Christianity is necessary. To ensure your knowledge is sufficient a simple knowledge test must be passed on the internet. The test will be open during May and for a second round in August. Thus you have the possibility of studying during the summer, should you fail the first time.

You must also be fluent in English. Sankt Ignatios is an international environment and lectures and discussions take place in English, with some exceptions when Swedish is used for Swedish students.

EXAMINATION AND FURTHER STUDIES

Folk high school studies are based on attendance and participation and not on results. After a finished program you will receive a diploma. You also have the option to take an ecclesial examination which will give you a diploma, giving you the right to teach in the name of the Church, and which also gives you priority for our longer programs: *the Pastoral Program* and *the Religious Educator Program*.

COSTS

Folk high schools are tuition free. The school charges a service fee of 1200 SEK per term however, which covers the costs for insurance, copying, field trips etc. A fee for common meals, which the students cook together, is also charged (see information on the priest seminaries).

CSN

The course gives you the right to apply for a study grant from CSN. Read more at www.csn.se about studying on a folk high school. Take note that special rules apply for those who are under 20 years of age.

APPLICATION

In order to apply you must fill out an application form which you can find on www.sanktignatios.org, or you can request one be sent to you by contacting us at info@sanktignatios.org. The deadline for the application is April 18, 2017.

At the end of May the school decides if you are admitted. You will receive an admissions letter no later than June 7. If you are admitted and have confirmed your status you must be present during the roll call on August 18 to keep your status.

Applications from outside of the EU are processed continuously during the entire application period. The applicant is responsible for applying for the permissions necessary to study at a folk high school in Sweden.