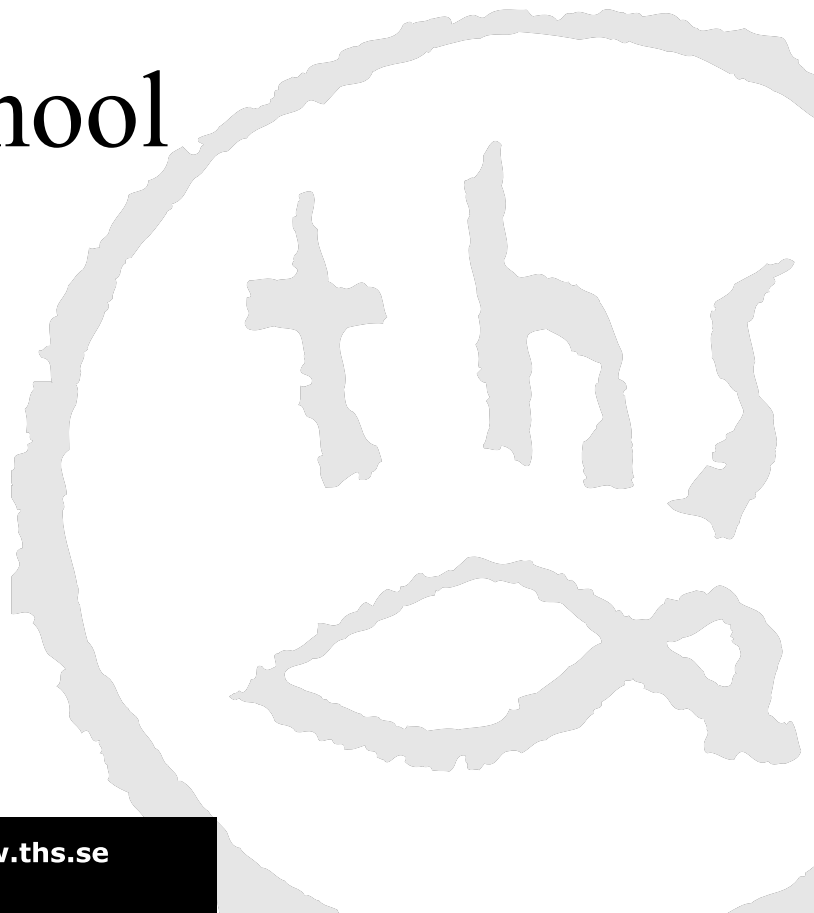




# Stockholm School of Theology





The Stockholm School of Theology is an independent university college with a unique study environment

**Good training for pastors and priests.** The Stockholm School of Theology (THS) is a good environment for those who want to study theology in order to later work in a congregation. It offers spiritual guidance, preaching exercises and many courses suitable for prospective pastors and priests. In addition to the academic program, the different denominations have theological groups that offer fellowship and programs.

**Pastoral qualifications.** We are not just one of the country's leading training institutions for training pastors and priests. THS is also keen to ensure that the teaching staff represents a diversity where close links with church and congregations are an important asset.

**Devotions and church services.** Services are held in the chapel on Wednesdays. On other days everyone is invited to take part in shorter devotions. The services and devotions reflect the broad ecumenical scope that is the hallmark of THS. A room of silence is always open for personal meditation and devotion.

**A distinguished academic institution.** Most of the teachers, lecturers and assistant professors you will meet have doctorates. THS annually allocates sizeable funds for research and development. We are an academy for all. We believe that you best grow in your faith and convictions when meeting diversity.

**Focus on teaching.** As a staff body we work together on teaching issues. Great scholarship is not sufficient. It is necessary to share and develop it together with others. Knowledge is something we create in collaboration with each other.

**Broad international contacts.** As a student at THS there are opportunities to conduct field studies around the world or to study at some of our partner institutions, for example in Beirut, Chicago, Cape Town, New York, Manila, Prague, Rangoon or Rawalpindi.

**Education in human rights.** THS has been a pioneer in human rights education. We have continued on this path and now offer a master's degree program in association with the University of Uppsala. The heritage from the pioneering era of the 19th century popular movements entails a responsibility.

**Peace and reconciliation work.** We conduct research as well as peace and reconciliation work in various conflict regions in Latin America, Central Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. We build capacities for a more just and reconciled world.

**Theology and human rights for the present and the future.** Events both worldwide and at home have made us aware that religious studies are indispensable to understand the world around us, and knowledge about human rights is necessary to develop a more just world.

**Close vicinity.** We are located at the edge of the Judarskogen nature reserve near Brommaplan that has underground transportation, T-bana (19 minutes to the Central Station) and a hub for buses that serve the western greater Stockholm region, Arlanda airport and the islands of Mälardöarna. The student hostel Tempus is within walking distance.

**New facilities and library resources.** Our well suited premises offer you good study opportunities and a library with over 40,000 books and access to more than 400 journals.



## About the Stockholm School of Theology

THS was launched in the academic year 1993-1994. Its predecessors were Betelseminariet Bromma founded 1866 by the Baptist Union and Teologiska Seminariet Lidingö founded 1871 by the Mission Covenant Church of Sweden. THS was based on an ecumenical vision and conviction that by meeting others prospective pastors and priests can best mature and grow within their own tradition. In the academic year 2007-2008 the university college's base was extended when the United Methodist Church of Sweden became the third principal organizer of the university college.

The university college soon became one of the country's most distinguished theological institutions where students from various backgrounds, different faith traditions and convictions meet. Prospective teachers, pastors and priests study together with those who study for their own interest. Laypersons, priests, pastors and others return for further education and advanced studies.

The Gospels tell about efforts to restore human dignity and heal what has been broken. This has, along with the heritage of the Swedish popular (national) movements and their devoted work during the 19th century for freedom of religion and freedom of conscience, inspired the theological program and the education program in human rights.

Studies in the Human Rights and Democracy Program provide tools to work for justice and against different forms of discrimination and oppression. The university college is also active in different parts of the world, for instance in the Philippines and Burma to support those who work for democracy and human rights.



## The Theological Program

The Bachelor of Theology degree is attained after completing three years of full-time studies (180 higher education credits) and a further 120 higher education credits of specialized studies. Depending on the number of students and qualifications there are possibilities to study independent courses. Some parts of the theological program can be conducted via e-learning. More details on: [www.ths.se](http://www.ths.se).

To be admitted to this program or an individual course, fluency in Swedish language is required.

## The Human Rights and Democracy Program

Two years of full-time studies (120 higher education credits) combined with another suitable subject (60 higher education credits) are valid for a bachelor's degree in human rights. Then there is a master program of 120 higher education credits. Depending on the number of students and qualifications there are possibilities to study independent courses. More details on: [www.ths.se](http://www.ths.se).

To be admitted to this program or an individual course, fluency in Swedish language is required.

### **Prospective pastor or priest?**

You should as soon as possible contact the denomination or diocese where you plan to apply to be accepted as a candidate.

### **Further training, supplementary education and tailor-made training**

At THS you can continue to study either as an individual or perhaps as part of a team. We tailor training courses. Contact us for more information.

### **Religious and congregational teaching**

In association with the University of Umeå, THS offers an opportunity to advanced and enhanced training within teaching and education especially tailored for all active within churches and congregations. You can study independent courses or earn a one- or two-year master's degree.





**Emma Gustafsson**

My name is Emma Gustafsson and I have for several years intermittently studied various courses on human rights at THS. I started with some independent courses as a supplement to my (one year) master's degree before I opted for human rights and started on that program. In addition to inspiring teachers and guest lecturers, the courses are designed to offer a great variety of students in terms of age, background but also occupations. That further enhances the diversity and scope of the teaching.

After previous studies at large universities, THS became somewhat of a haven for me. The university college is personal and inviting in a way that large institutions never can be: Here teachers and other staff know students by name and there is a feeling of security. One of the best things I like about THS is that there is space for everyone to be themselves.



**John Ahlström**

I started studying at THS after having worked for four years as a youth leader on the island of Smögen. I had not planned to be a pastor, but during my time as a youth leader I gradually realized that I would train for that.

Choosing to study at THS was not self-evident. I wanted to see what different pastor training programs were available. The advantages that THS offered finally proved decisive and I have never regretted my choice. Since the university college is not so big, you get to know the teachers and students. The smaller setting offers a slightly more personal atmosphere. The spiritual life is also important at THS with services and spiritual guidance. This means that the training is not only about all the literature that must be committed to memory but also that the Christian faith should be an experience. That is crucial for a prospective priest or pastor.

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