

Degree Requirements for the College of Commissioner Science

Prerequisite for ALL degrees includes:

- Current registration as a commissioner
- Current Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Training Certificate

Bachelor's Degree

Prerequisite for Bachelor's degree:

- Completion of a Commissioner Position-Specific Training Course

Course Requirements:

Completion of **seven (7)** courses of instruction, including at least **five (5)** from the National College of Commissioner Science curriculum at the bachelor's level. The remaining **two (2)** courses may be locally created, focusing on unit service.



Master's Degree

Master's Degree requirements:

- Completion of the Bachelor of Commissioner Science degree
- Earn the Arrowhead Honor

Course Requirements:

Completion of **seven (7)** additional courses of instruction (total of 14), including at least **five (5)** from the National College of Commissioner Science curriculum at the master's level. The remaining **two (2)** courses may be locally created, focusing on unit service. CED courses can also qualify.



Doctorate Degree

Doctorate Degree requirements:

- Completion of the Master of Commissioner Science degree
- Earn the Commissioner Key

Course Requirements:

Completion of **ten (10)** additional courses of instruction (total of 24), including at least **five (5)** courses from the National College of Commissioner Science curriculum at the doctorate level. The remaining **five (5)** courses may be locally created, focusing on unit service.

CED courses from the National College of Commissioner Science curriculum can also qualify.

University of Scouting courses conducted by local councils DO NOT meet degree requirements for any COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE Degrees. Elective courses **may not** have been previously applied toward your bachelor's or master's degrees.

Doctoral Project:

The topic of a project needs to be related to unit service and the commissioner's primary registration – (district commissioner, assistant district commissioner, unit commissioner, roundtable commissioner, etc.). Each project is to be carried out by **an individual doctoral candidate (1 person)**. The topic must **be pre-approved** by the dean or designee of the College of Commissioner Science Doctorate program.

The Council Commissioner or designee may authorize an alternate topic if it is deemed appropriate.

The **finished** project must also be approved by the doctoral dean, project advisor, or designee.



Commissioner Performance:

Serve on a college of commissioner science staff (instructor or support staff), **OR** work with training support for commissioners for at least one year.

The award of the Doctorate Degree must be approved by the local council commissioner or designee.

College of Commissioner Science Course Requirements

Courses from the National College of Commissioner Science curriculum at all levels enhance commissioners' knowledge and performance. Course content is directed toward unit service rather than program areas. Therefore, courses offered at a local University of Scouting separate from the College of Commissioner Science **DO NOT** meet the requirements for **any** of the degrees in a College of Commissioner Science.

Questions should be directed to your council commissioner, college chancellor, doctoral dean, or project advisor. Courses must be from the national Scouting America curriculum, found at <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/training/college-of-commissioner-science/> or they will not be accepted for credit.

Once-earned, credit for College of Commissioner Science courses may not be rescinded or removed from the participant, even if the course (or courses) has been retired from the national curriculum.

Reciprocity

Colleges of Commissioner Science will accept a commissioner's coursework from any Scouting America College of Commissioner Science, provided an official transcript listing all nationally approved curriculum courses and locally created courses taken is provided.

Degree Recognition

Colleges of Commissioner Science will recognize degrees earned from other Scouting America Colleges of Commissioner Science, provided that a degree certificate or transcript (pdf) is available.

Doctoral Project Advisor

Once you have decided to pursue the Doctorate of Commissioner Science degree, talk with the dean of your Council College of Commissioner Science (or their designee if there is not an appointed doctoral dean) or Council Commissioner. This person will pair you with an advisor for the process.

Your advisor will be someone who has already earned their doctorate. If problems arise, your advisor will provide the necessary assistance or help you find what you need.

It is good practice to share your work regularly with your advisor to stay focused on your topic.