

# UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

## The Degree Process General Guidelines

- The Blue Ridge Council (BRC) University of Scouting is designed on the principles of the four stages of Advancement
  - A Scout Learns
  - The Scout is Tested
  - The Scout is Reviewed
  - The Scout is Rewarded
- To receive course credit toward a degree, one must be a registered Scout (youth) or Scouter (adult) with current Youth Protection training. Any Scout or Scouter who attends the BRC University of Scouting is strongly encouraged to pursue a degree.
- There are five degrees to be earned in three Scouting majors at the Blue Ridge Council University of Scouting. Associates, bachelors, masters, doctorate, and Continuing Education degrees can be earned in Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, and Adventure Scouting majors.
- Generally, each class period of coursework earns one credit toward your desired degree (unless otherwise noted). Credits are earned based on the number of credits for the course. A one-class period course earns one credit. A two-class period course may earn one or two credits, and a three-class period course may earn two or three credits. Some classes (such as some BSA course curricula) do not earn any credits toward the degree process.
- Select any Scouting major to earn a degree. Coursework may not be credited towards more than one degree (of any Scouting major) at the same time, however degrees in different Scouting majors may be pursued at the same time. Courses you take accumulate from year to year as you work toward different degrees. Whether you are working with *College of Cub Scouting*, *College of Scouts BSA*, or *College of Adventure Scouting*, you may continue to accumulate credits, even when your registration moves into one of the other Scouting programs. Note, no degrees are conferred for the *College of Advancement and Program Operations* or *College of Elective Programs*.
- You may take courses from any Scouting major at any level and from the list of Advancement and Program Operations and Elective courses. To attain a degree in one of the Scouting majors, however, all requirements for that degree must be met.
- Course levels (*Level 100*, *Level 200*, etc.) are intended to represent the complexity of the course. Generally, we recommend that students take level 100

courses before level 200 courses and level 300 courses before level 400 courses, etc. because courses are logically more sophisticated, progressive and/or specialized as the level increases. However, we leave it to each Scouter to determine what courses to take at any level.

- The college dean is the approving authority for conferring degrees. Please contact the dean if there are any questions on degree requirements.

**Associate Degree:** To earn an Associate degree in a Scouting major, do the following:

- Complete three course credits at any course level in the Scouting major for which the degree is sought (*College of Cub Scouting, College of Scouts BSA, or College of Adventure Scouting*).

**Bachelor Degree:** To earn a bachelor degree in a Scouting major, do all the following:

- Complete six course credits at any course level.
- At least four of these course credits *must* be in the Scouting major for which the degree is sought (*College of Cub Scouting, College of Scouts BSA, or College of Adventure Scouting*). The remaining two course credits may be from any college (including the *Advancement and Program Operations* or *Elective Programs Colleges*).

**Masters Degree:** To earn a masters degree in a Scouting major, do all the following:

- Hold a bachelor degree in that same Scouting major (*College of Cub Scouting, College of Scouts BSA, or College of Adventure Scouting*).
- Complete six additional course credits (*for a total of 12 credits*) at any course level.
- All six of these additional course credits must be different from those completed for the bachelor degree.
- At least three of these additional course credits *must* be in the same Scouting major as the bachelor degree.
- The remaining three additional course credits may be from any college (including the *Advancement and Program Operations* or *Elective Programs Colleges*).

**Doctorate Degree:** To earn a doctorate degree in a Scouting major, do all the following:

- Hold a masters degree in that same Scouting major (*College of Cub Scouting, College of Scouts BSA, or College of Adventure Scouting*).
- Complete six additional course credits (*for a total of 18 credits*) at any course level.
- All six of these additional course credits must be different from those completed for the bachelor and masters degrees.
- At least three of these additional course credits *must* be in the same Scouting major as the masters degree. The remaining three course credits may be from any college (including the *Advancement and Program Operations* or *Elective Programs Colleges*).
- Upon completion of the above course work, serve in a teaching role in the Scouting major at the discretion of the dean of that college –OR– Complete three goals approved by the dean of the respective college.

*NOTE: It is the responsibility of a doctoral candidate to contact their dean personally immediately following the completion of the course work and no later than November 30th, 2021 to be added into the teaching plans for the next University of Scouting. No exceptions.*

**Continuing Education Degree:** To earn a continuing education degree from the BRC University of Scouting, do all the following:

- Hold a doctorate degree in any Scouting major (*College of Cub Scouting, College of Scouts BSA, or College of Adventure Scouting*).
- Complete six additional course credits (*for a total of 24 credits*) at any course level.
- All six of these additional course credits must be different from those completed for the doctorate degree.
- All additional course credits may be in any college (including the *Advancement and Program Operations* or *Elective Programs Colleges*).
- Upon completion of the above course work, serve in a teaching role in the University at the discretion of the dean of the respective college. *NOTE: It is the responsibility of a doctoral candidate to contact their dean personally immediately following the completion of the course work and no later than November 30th, 2021 to be added into the teaching plans for the next University of Scouting. No exceptions.*

**Deans:**

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- *College of Cub Scouting:* Russell Baxley
- *College of Scouts BSA:* Bill Mulligan
- *College of Adventure Scouting:* John Cederman
- *College of Elective Programs:* Russell Buchanan
- *College of Advancement and Program Operations:* Paul Winston

**REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES IN COMMISSIONER SCIENCE:**

Please be aware that there is a national standardized syllabus and additional requirements other than those listed above for earning degrees in Commissioner Science. To view these courses and requirements, please see the information on the Commissioner Science program [HERE](#).