



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
TIDEWATER COUNCIL

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University of Scouting
Looking Forward

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STAFF & INSTRUCTORS WANTED



- Let your voice be heard.
- Teach the next generation of Scouts.
- Adults & youth needed.

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MISSION

Mission Statement

The Tidewater Council University of Scouting exists to promote the growth of leaders through supplemental training across all BSA programs by offering well-designed and well-presented courses relevant to leaders' experiences, knowledge, positions, and future potential.

Purpose

The purpose of the University of Scouting is to promote fellowship and provide training for adult volunteers involved in the Scouting program. The University of Scouting is a FUN-filled training program to help develop Scouter excellence in Tidewater Council. All BSA-registered adults and youth are encouraged to attend so that they may better understand the critical role and function of their position in the Scouting program. This training experience is planned to:

- PROVIDE Scouters with a fuller understanding of their role in Scouting,
- BOLSTER commitment to the success of Scouting's mission,
- SUPPORT a training continuum to carry out individual unit assignments,
- BUILD fellowship in the Scouting community.

These results are achieved through a broad curriculum of instruction and recognition of achievement by a series of awards. Each new participant will receive a University of Scouting patch. Participants who complete degree requirements will be recognized with an appropriate patch segment for that degree and a certificate/diploma.

Policy Statement

To maintain the stature of the training program of the University and to give a sense of accomplishment to the recipients, the following policies will govern the event:

1. To receive credit for a course, a Scouter must attend the course and sign the class roster.
2. Degrees will be acknowledged by appropriate patches and certificates. Such awards will be made upon completion of the program requirements.
3. Credit for courses completed in other councils or at national training centers will be given upon presentation of evidence that you satisfactorily completed the course. Your District Commissioner or District Chairman must approve the credits.
4. The extent to which the Tidewater Council University of Scouting may substitute courses for courses offered will be at the sole discretion of the appropriate Program Dean and the University President.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration and Fees

To minimize congestion at check-in and to expedite the check-in process, participant and instructor registration will be done in-advance online. The registration fee covers the cost of materials, food, and facility use. Please review all information in this catalog before completing the online registration process.

	Early Registration (ends 1/9/2023)	Standard Registration (ends 2/26/2023)	Late Registration (ends 3/4/2023)
Adults	\$25	\$30	\$35
Youth	\$15	\$20	\$25
Cub Camp	\$10	\$10	\$15
Staff	\$10	\$15	\$20

All registrations include lunch.

A partial refund will be granted (excluding \$5 for material costs) before February 24, 2023. No refunds will be issued after February 24, 2023.

Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/596-University of Scouting2023>

The registration process requires that you select your courses online. You will need to set up a user account and pay online using a credit card or eCheck.

Uniform & Equipment

Participants and instructors should wear the full official BSA uniform of the BSA program in which they are primarily registered, throughout the entire day, and participants should bring a pencil and/or pen and paper.

The activity uniform is permitted for designated University Staff assigned to set-up, clean-up, or lunch service.



Colleges

The University of Scouting is divided into six program departments:

College	ABBR	Audience
Cub Scouts	CUB	Cub Scout adults
Scouts BSA	SBSA	Scouts BSA adults and youth
Sea Scouts / Venturing	SSC/VEN	Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, or Venturing adults and youth
Continuing Education	CED	Everyone
Doctoral Program	DOC	Doctoral students
Commissioners	BCS/MCS/DCS	Commissioners

A Scouter who completes seven (7) credits (one 50-min session = 1 credit) from any combination of classes qualifies for a program degree starting with Associate's. Scouters become eligible to earn the Bachelor's and Master's degrees, by completing additional blocks of seven credit hours for each degree. All programs feed into one Doctoral degree. Individual degree requirements are described in this catalog for each level. The University of Scouting Doctoral Program has distinct requirements based upon program concentrations.

University of Scouting instructors will earn one credit for each 50-minute session they teach, up to three credits per year. To earn the credits, the following must be submitted to the University of Scouting President/Provost and the relevant Dean(s) at least 2 weeks prior to conducting the sessions:

- 1 page Course Summary
- Lesson Plan
- Presentation (i.e. PowerPoint, Slides)
- All other course material

Updates

This guide will be update monthly as we add additional activities. Please check back regularly. Updates will be listed on the Event page.

Watch the Tidewater Council BSA website (<https://www.tidewaterbsa.com>), the Electronic Knapsack (EK), and your District Roundtables for additional updates.



General Policies

YPT

All adults must complete online Youth Protection Training (YPT) prior to attending the University of Scouting.

Additional Fees

Some classes may have additional fees. These are due when registering.

Prerequisites

Some classes may have prerequisites. If these are not completed prior to the University of Scouting, the instructor will determine if you can participate in the class.

Disclaimer

The University of Scouting is not an accredited university; therefore, all degrees conferred are not awarded from an accredited university.

Ceremonies

There will be an Opening Ceremony during breakfast, a Wood Badge Beading Ceremony during lunch, and a Closing ceremony at the end of the day. Please be respectful during the ceremonies.

Youth Programs

The Tidewater Council University of Scouting is pleased to offer a dedicated program just for youth. Youth courses are provided to increase a Scout's knowledge and their ability to lead their unit. Some of the leadership courses can also apply towards specific Venturing Awards.

Group	Programs
Cub Scouts (all ranks) & siblings	Cub Scout Day Camp (YTH-100)
Cub Scouts (Webelos & AOLs)	Cub Scout Day Camp (YTH-100) Scouting Adventure
Scouts BSA	College of Youth Programs (YTH) College of Scouts SBSA (SBSA) – as appropriate College of Sea Scouts & Venturing (SSC/VEN) – as appropriate College of Continuing Education – as appropriate
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EVENT DAY INFORMATION

Daily Schedule

Activity	Start	End
Breakfast	7:15 AM	8:00 AM
Opening	7:30 AM	8:00 AM
Session 1	8:10 AM	9:00 AM
Session 2	9:10 AM	10:00 AM
Session 3	10:10 AM	11:00 AM
Session 4	11:10 AM	12:00 PM
Lunch	12:10 PM	1:00 PM
Session 5	1:10 PM	2:00 PM
Session 6	2:10 PM	3:00 PM
Session 7	3:10 PM	4:00 PM
Closing	4:10 PM	5:00 PM

Check-In & Information Desk

Please check-in at the Information Desk in the Lobby to pick-up your guidebook. This station will be open throughout the day to answer any questions you have.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast and Lunch are included in your registration fee. Participants with special dietary needs -- please note these during course registration. Coffee and lemonade will be available through the day in the Midway area.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is University of Scouting?

Supplemental training offered through a BSA council. There are classes of interest for each of the program areas: Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Youth Education, and Sea Scouts. Plus, the Continuing Education area offers a wide range of classes on a variety of potential interests for anyone in Scouting.

Who should consider attending University of Scouting?

Adults (including parents) and youth currently registered in Scouting.

I am new to Scouting – will University of Scouting be too overwhelming for me?

No, there are classes designed in each program area for a beginning Scouter. If you are unsure, what classes to take, please consider a bundle related to your position or interests.

I am a long-time Scouter – what does University of Scouting have to offer me?

There are classes offered in each program area for someone in Scouting wanting additional knowledge in their program area, plus numerous classes offered in the Continuing Education area. This area contains classes that could be of a specific interest to someone in any program area.

May I take courses in any area that interests me?

Yes, you can pick and choose classes of interest to you and apply those credits toward a degree.

How do I get a degree?

Obtaining a degree is described later in this manual.

Can youth participants earn a degree?

No. While University of Scouting is an excellent opportunity for youth to learn Scouting and leadership skills, they will not earn a degree.

Why should I consider earning a University of Scouting degree?

It's an incentive to attend the University of Scouting and learn more about the Scouting program, and it recognizes your time spent in the process. The youth we serve like to see their leaders earn recognition for training efforts. Plus, you can earn a cool patch, with rockers.

Must I complete the degrees in order?

Yes, but you don't have to take any specific classes for Associate's, Bachelor's, or Master's degrees. Any seven (7) credits will qualify (one 50-min session = 1 credit). You should take the classes best suited for your own needs or in areas you want to learn more about.

How does the Tidewater Council's University of Scouting compare to programs in other Councils?

Most of the Universities of Scouting across the nation are very similar in design and structure and have all the different program areas covered in our council's University of Scouting.

Who should consider the Doctoral program?

Any active Scouter who currently holds a Master's degree and wants to learn more. It's the next step in the University of Scouting degree progression. We need your expertise and experience in the program!



MIDWAY

Coming Soon!

MIDWAY BOOTHS

Help make this the greatest midway ever.

- Vendors** Bring you best outdoor gear to sell.
- Info Booths** Tells us about the best opportunities, activities, and adventuring.
- Demos** Show off your favorite hobby or skill.
- Units** Promote your unit or run your favorite fundraiser.



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MAPS





MERCHANDISE



Patch



Hood

*Coming
Soon!*



Neckerchief



Polo

University of Scouting 2023 is working to offer custom merchandise.
Ordering will be enabled on we finish collecting quotes from vendors.
Attending will be notified by email when the ordering opens.



DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

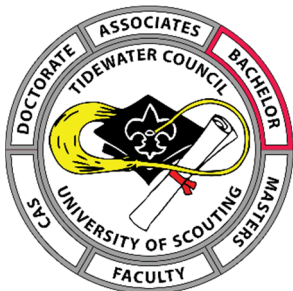
Reminder: Scouts participating in the Youth Programs are not eligible to earn degrees.

Associate Degree



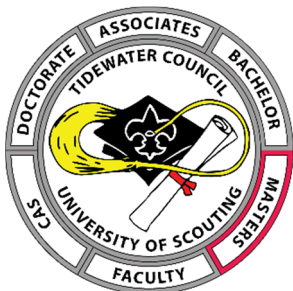
- Must be a registered Scouter.
- Register online for the University of Scouting.
- Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting for the first time.
- Earn 7 credit hours by attending classes.
- Sign the attendance roster for each class.

Bachelor's Degree



- Must be a registered Scouter.
- Register online for the Tidewater University of Scouting.
- Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting a second time.
- Previously earned a University of Scouting Associates Degree.
- Earn 7 additional credits hours by attending classes.
- Sign the attendance roster for class.

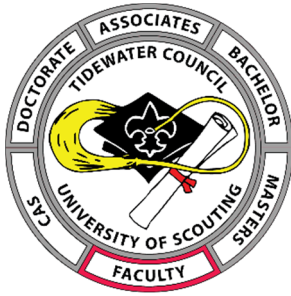
Master's Degree



- Must be a registered Scouter.
- Register online for the University of Scouting.
- Complete BSA's Trainers Edge at any course offering. Training must be current on the day of the University.
- Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting a third time.
- Previously earned a University of Scouting Bachelor's Degree.
- Earn 7 additional credit hours by attending and/or teaching.
- Sign the attendance roster for each class.
- Teach at least one course at the University.

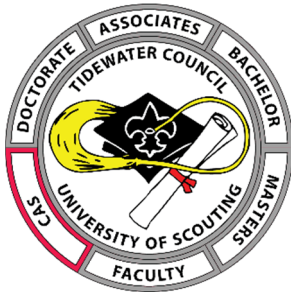


Faculty



- Must be a registered Scouter.
- Register online for the University of Scouting.
- Complete BSA's Trainers Edge at any Trainers Edge offering. Training must be current on the day of the University.
- Teach at least 3 unique courses at Tidewater University of Scouting.
- Courses must be developed, and the syllabus approved by the dean of that program.
- Can be earned during any year or over a span of years
- Can be earned multiple times and in conjunction with a degree.

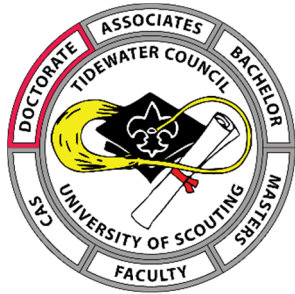
Certificate in Advanced Studies



- Must be a registered Scouter.
- Register online for the University of Scouting.
- Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting a fourth time.
- Previously earned a University of Scouting Master's Degree.
- Earn 7 additional credit hours by attending and/or teaching.
- Sign the attendance roster for each class.
- Note: The CAS is not awarded the same year as the Doctorate degree.



Doctorate Degree



- Must be a registered Scouter.
- Register online for the University of Scouting.
- Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting a fifth time (or more).
- Previously earned a University of Scouting Certificate in Advanced Studies.
- Completion of the DOC 601, 602, 603, and 614 courses
- Teach at least 2 more unique courses at the University.
- Complete “The Structure of the Tidewater Council” course any year while attending Tidewater University of Scouting.
- Complete “Planning District and Council Events” course any year while attending Tidewater University of Scouting.
- Complete an approved Doctoral Experiential Learning Project.
- Procure all appropriate signatures on the Doctoral application and submit it to the Dean of the Doctoral Program.

Note 1: DOC 601 and 602 are normally taken during the 4th year of attendance at the University. DOC 603 is a non-credit course and may be completed at any time after DOC 601 and DOC 602 to gain experiential learning project approval. DOC 614 must be taken after the completion of the required experiential learning project, normally during the 5th year of attendance at the University.

Note 2: Scouters who have already completed Doctorate degree requirements at any previous Tidewater University of Scouting may apply those credits towards the current degree.

Doctoral Experiential Learning Project: The Doctoral Experiential Learning Project is an opportunity for Scouters to gain and apply their practical experience as part of their degree. Examples include:

- Serve on Wood Badge Staff
- Serve on NYLT Staff
- Serve as a University of Scouting Dean
- Serve on a key position on a Council/District Event Staff
- Serve as a Cub Scout Day Camp/Twilight Camp Course Director or Program Director
- Serve on a Council or District Committee for at least 1 year
- Serve as a Commissioner for at least 1 year
- Prepare and present a Doctoral Thesis to a panel of Doctoral degree holders.

There is no “one-size-fits-all” template for the project, and approval is up to the discretion of the Dean of the Doctoral Program and University President.



COMMISSIONER COLLEGE



For over 100 years, Commissioners have ensured that Scouting was a quality program. The **College of Commissioner Science** is our one day of the year to participate in advanced commissioner training at the council level. This opportunity allows all of us to learn the knowledge and procedures necessary to become effective in delivering service to our units. It is also an enjoyable day of fun and fellowship with other Commissioners, Scouters, and Scouts. Of course, to experience all of this you must attend!

As Commissioners, our role is unique in bringing Scouting to our young men and women. Our insignia displays the wreath of service around the Scouting fleur-de-lis, reminding us of our commission to serve the chartered organizations in the effective operation of their scouting units. The quality of Scouting delivered to our young men and women depends upon the people who wear this wreath of service.

Every Commissioner should serve to the best of his or her abilities. Commissioner College is where those abilities can be developed, nurtured, and improved. This year's curriculum is divided into the traditional degree programs of Bachelor, Masters, and Doctorate for those of you who are pursuing these courses of training. New BSA publications will be reviewed and updated policies will be announced, if there are any. Mostly, we'll learn from each other different ways to be more effective in our service to the units.

As always, I would like to offer a special invitation to unit commissioners, and adult unit leaders, in not only Tidewater Council, but throughout Territory 15. Attend our College of Commissioner Science so that we may learn from each other's councils.

I invite you to attend our Commissioner College. My vision is that everyone within Tidewater Council has a positive Scouting experience. Sharing our skills and experiences is a start to meet that vision and to accomplish the mission of the BSA.

Yours in Service,

Erich Roetz

Tidewater Council Commissioner



Degree Requirements

Any interested adult may attend any Commissioners' College course (no prerequisites). However, only registered commissioners may attain the Commissioner Degrees listed below and there are prerequisites for working on a degree program within Commissioners' College. Any adult leader who is not a registered commissioner may use the Commissioners' College courses towards Tidewater Council University of Scouting degrees (they will not count for both).

This document outlines the prerequisites for working on the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree (BCS)
- Master of Commissioner Science Degree (MCS)
- Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree (DCS)
- Certificate of Achievement for Post Graduate Studies (CED) (No courses will be offered this year)

NOTE: The Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree (DCS) degree program is designed for graduates of either the Master of Commissioner Science Degree (MCS) program or the Masters of Roundtable Sciences Degree (MRCS) program.

Degree Reciprocity

The College of Commissioner Science accepts a Commissioner's course work from any Boy Scouts of America College of Commissioner Science provided that an official transcript is made available.

The College of Commissioner Science will credit courses from another Council to be applied towards a College of Commissioner Science Degree if prior approval has been obtained from the current Chancellor of the College of Commissioner Science.

Classes taken at the University of Scouting that are not listed in the B.S.A. National Curriculum will not be accepted for credit.

Degree Recognition

The College of Commissioner Science will continue to recognize degrees earned from another Boy Scouts of America College of Commissioner Science and Philmont Training Center College of Commissioner Science degrees provided that an official transcript is made available.

Award Recognition

The College of Commissioner Science will honor all Commissioner Arrowhead, Commissioner Key, Distinguished Commissioner, the Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service, and the Doctor of Commissioner Science Awards.



Bachelor's Degree in Commissioner Science (BCS)



Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree (BCS) Prerequisites:

- Current registration as a commissioner, roundtable staff, or executive, including those recently recruited.
- Current BSA adult registration.
- Current BSA Youth Protection Certificate
- Have an interest in commissioner service.

Course Requirements: Completion of seven courses of instruction, at least five of the courses at the bachelor's program level.

Performance

- Approval of the supervising commissioner
- Approval of the supervising executive

Master of Commissioner Science Degree (MCS)



Master of Commissioner Science Degree (MCS) Prerequisites:

- Current registration as a commissioner, roundtable staff, or executive.
- Current BSA Youth Protection Certificate
- Completion of the bachelor's degree or have been awarded the Commissioners Key, Training Award: Roundtable Staff or Professional Training Award.
- Earned Arrowhead Honor (commissioner's only)

Course Requirements: Completion of seven additional courses of instruction (total of 14), at least seven of the courses at the master's program level

Performance:

- Approval of the supervising commissioner.
- Approval of the supervising executive.

Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree (DCS)



A doctorate is an academic degree that represents the highest level of formal study or research in a given field. Thus, we expect the DCS candidate to select a project or thesis topic that requires the candidate to draw upon the skills, experience, and knowledge that one would acquire during the 5 years of study that it takes to achieve the doctorate level. We also expect the DCS work to benefit to our council and Scouting, as well as be relevant to commissioner service. The DCS program takes 2 to 3 years to complete.



Prerequisites:

- Current registration as a commissioner, roundtable staff or executive.
- Current BSA Youth Protection Certificate
- Completion of the Master's degree
- Have been awarded the Commissioner's Key, training Award: Roundtable Staff, or Professional Training Award.
- Course Requirements: Completion of at 10 additional courses of instruction (total of 24), at least five of the courses at the doctor's program level.

Performance

- Serve on the College of Commissioner Science faculty (instructor or support staff) for at least one year.

NOTE: The DCS program is a 2 to 3-year program. During the first year of the DCS program, a candidate attends courses on how to select, develop and document one of the following: a thesis topic, a research project, or a work project. If the candidate opts for a thesis topic or a research project, then the topic can be about anything of value to Scouting in the local council, but the Dean of the DCS program and your assigned faculty adviser must approve the topic and final paper. If the candidate opts for a work project, the Council Commissioner and the Commissioner Service Staff Advisor must approve it. Each of these DCS options has a complete set of requirements and guidelines, which are handed out during the first year DCS program courses.

Doctor of Commissioner Science Knot Award



The completion of the Doctor Degree of Commissioner Science does not automatically qualify a commissioner for the award knot. All requirements below must be fulfilled to earn the award knot.

Prerequisites:

- Current registration as a commissioner, roundtable staff or executive.
- Current BSA Youth Protection Certificate
- Completion of the Doctoral Degree

Performance

- Tenure: Serve as a commissioner for a minimum of 5 years. (Years need not be consecutive). This service can be in one or more roles or positions of commissioner service.
- Recruiting: Recruit or assist in the recruiting of at least three new commissioners or roundtable staff during tenure as a commissioner.
- Approval of the supervising commissioner.
- Approval of the supervising executive.