



## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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

### Associate Degree



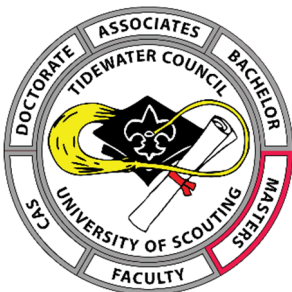
- Must be a registered Scouter.
- Register online for the University of Scouting.
- Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting for the first time.
- Earn 7 credit hours by attending or teaching classes, roundtables, or other learning opportunities.
- Sign the attendance roster for each class.

### 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 additional 7 credits hours by attending or teaching classes, roundtables, or other learning opportunities.
- Sign the attendance roster for class.

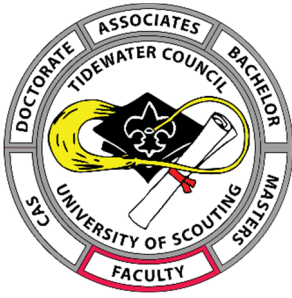
### Master's Degree



- 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 additional 7 credit hours by attending or teaching classes, roundtables, or other learning opportunities.
- 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.

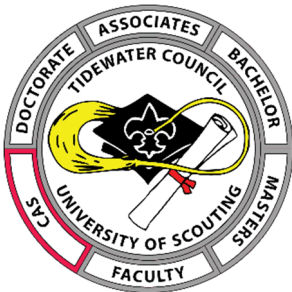
Teach at least 3 courses at the Tidewater University of Scouting.

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.

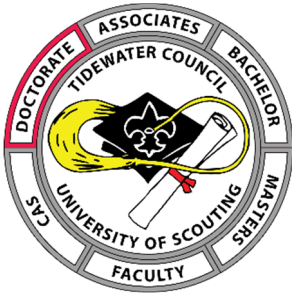
Earn additional 7 credit hours by attending or teaching classes, roundtables, or other learning opportunities.

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.