



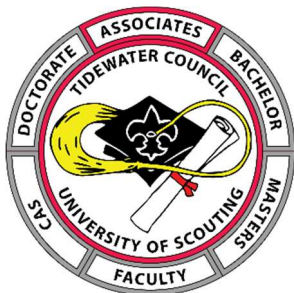
## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Eligibility:** Degree recipients must meet the following conditions in addition to degree requirements:

1. Must be a registered youth or youth participant in Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, or Explorers,
2. Must be registered for the Tidewater University of Scouting.

**Note:** YTH Courses are Youth Leadership Academy courses.

### Associate Degree



Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting for the first time.

Earn 7 credit hours by attending or teaching classes, onsite roundtables, or other learning opportunities. 1 credit, at minimum, must be a YTH-100 level.

Sign the attendance roster for each class.

### Bachelor's Degree



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, onsite roundtables, or other learning opportunities. 2 credits, at minimum, must be YTH-100 or YTH-200 levels.

Sign the attendance roster for class.

### Master's Degree



Since earning your Bachelor's, attend a youth leadership training course **and** serve in a unit leadership position (see approved courses and positions below).

Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting a third time.

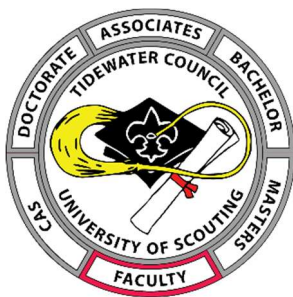
Previously earned a University of Scouting Bachelor's Degree.

Earn additional 7 credit hours by attending or teaching classes, onsite roundtables, or other learning opportunities. 2 credits, at minimum, must be YTH-200 level.

Sign the attendance roster for each class.



## Faculty



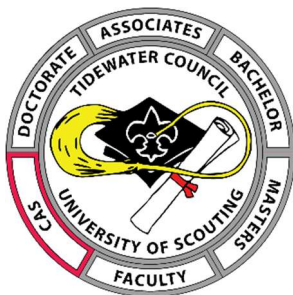
Prior to attending University of Scouting, complete BSA's Trainers Edge at any Trainers Edge offering. Training must be current on the day of the University.

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

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



Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting a fourth time.

Previously earned a University of Scouting Master's Degree.

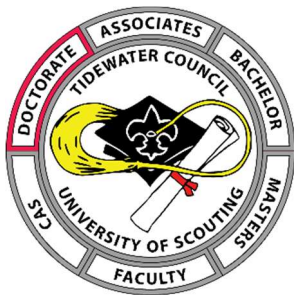
Earn additional 7 credit hours by attending or teaching classes, onsite roundtables, or other learning opportunities. 3 credits, at minimum, must be YTH-300 level.

Sign the attendance roster for each class.

Note: The CAS is not awarded the same year as the Doctorate degree.



## Doctorate Degree



- Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting a fifth time (or more).
- Previously earned a University of Scouting Certificate in Advanced Studies.
- Completion of the Youth Doctorate Course.
- Since earning your Master's, serve in a youth leadership position (see approved positions below).
- Staff **and** train at a youth leadership course (see approved courses below).
- Teach at least 1 YTH course at the University.
- Complete the Youth Doctorate application and submit it to the Youth Academy Provost.

**Unit Leadership Positions:** Unit leadership positions that fulfill the requirement for the Master's and Doctorate Degrees are listed below. Please note there is a separate list of positions that fulfill only the Doctorate requirement.

### Master's and Doctorate

- Scouting America:** Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, OA Representative, Den Chief, Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Quartermaster, Bugler, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Chaplain Aide, Instructor, Webmaster, Outdoor Ethics Guide
- Venturing:** President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Program, Secretary, Treasurer, Guide, Quartermaster, Chaplain Aide, Outdoor Ethics Guide.
- Sea Scouts:** Boatswain, Boatswain's Mate, Purser, Yeoman, Storekeeper, Crew Leader, Media Specialist, Specialist, Den Chief, Chaplain Aide.

### Doctorate Only

OA Lodge Chairman, OA Chapter Chairman, OA Chapter Chief

**Youth Leadership Courses:** Youth leadership courses that fulfill the requirements for the Master's and Doctorate Degrees are listed below. Please note there is a separate list of courses that fulfill only the Doctorate requirement.

Master's and Doctorate: National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE), Lodge Leadership Development (LLD, must attend or teach 3 trainings), National Leadership Seminar (NLS), or a school-sponsored leadership workshop.

Doctorate Only: Pipsico Summer Camp Staff (must serve as a CIT or Counselor in one of the following program areas: Aquatics, Climbing, Handicraft, Heritage, Huskanaw, Medical, Nature, Scoutcraft, Shooting Sports, or the Trading Post).

**Note:** For 2026, Scouts who have previously taught a minimum of 5 credits at Tidewater University of Scouting, may begin working on their Doctorate.