

Degree Requirements

Degree Prerequisites and Criteria

The Prerequisites, Course Requirements and Performance criteria are listed for each of the four degrees. Since a Thesis or Project is required for the Doctorate Degree, the thesis or project criteria are provided after the Doctorate Degree requirement page.

NOTE: A person may participate in the college training without having the prerequisites, but no degree will be awarded until all of the requirements are met. It is up to the student to notify the Dean of the College with the necessary proof of completion to be credited with the appropriate degree.

Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree (BCS)

A. Prerequisites

1. Current registration as a Commissioner
2. Current BSA Youth Protection Training certificate
3. Complete Commissioner Orientation if new to Commissioner Service. See the Commissioner Training page on the National BSA website for recommendations.
4. Complete Commissioner Basic Training listed on the Commissioner Training page.

B. Course Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of seven courses of instruction
2. Five must be from the Bachelor Degree level training

C. Commissioners Performance

1. Approval of Council Commissioner, or assigned Assistant Council Commissioner
2. Approval of Council Scout Executive or Council Staff Adviser for Commissioner Service

Roundtable of Commissioner Science Degree (BCS)

1. Prerequisites

1. Current registration as a Roundtable Commissioner
2. Current BSA Youth Protection Training certificate
3. Complete Commissioner Orientation if new to Commissioner Service. See the Commissioner Training page on the National BSA website for recommendations.
4. Complete Roundtable Commissioner Basic Training Course Requirements

2. Course Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of seven courses of instruction
2. Five must be from the Roundtable curriculum of Bachelor Degree level training

3. Commissioners Performance

1. Approval of Council Commissioner, or assigned Assistant Council Commissioner
2. Approval of Council Scout Executive or Council Staff Adviser for Commissioner Service

Master of Commissioner Science Degree (MCS)

- A. Prerequisites
 1. Current registration as a Commissioner
 2. Current BSA Youth Protection Training certificate
 3. Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree
 4. The Commissioner Arrowhead Honor
- B. Course Requirements
 1. Complete a minimum of seven additional courses of instruction, for a total of fourteen
 2. Seven of the fourteen courses must be from the Master Degree level training
- C. Commissioner Performance
 1. Approval of Council Commissioner, or assigned Assistant Council Commissioner
 2. Approval of Council Scout Executive or Council Staff Adviser for Commissioner Service.

Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree (DCS)

Note that earning the Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree does not automatically qualify you to receive the Doctorate of Commissioner Service Knot Award. See next page for details.

- A. Prerequisites
 1. Current registration as a Commissioner
 2. Current BSA Youth Protection Training certificate
 3. Master of Commissioner Science Degree
 4. Awarded the Commissioner Key
- B. Course Requirements
 1. Complete a minimum of ten additional courses of instruction for a total of twenty-four
 2. At least five of the twenty-four must be from the Doctorate Degree level training.
 3. Courses may not have previously been counted toward other college degrees.
- C. Thesis or Project
 1. This can be on any topic related to Commissioner Service.
 2. The topic must be preapproved by the Dean of the College, the Dean of the Doctorate level program, or the Doctoral Review Committee.
 3. Complete the thesis or project using the approved format as determined by the college.
- D. The completed thesis or project must be approved by the Doctoral Review Committee (see below). If a review committee is not used, at a minimum the Council Commissioner and the College Dean need to make the approval.
- E. Commissioner Performance
 1. Serve for at least one year on the College of Commissioner Science Staff (instructor or support staff), or work with training support for commissioners for at least one year
 2. Approval of the Dean of the College, or Staff Adviser for Commissioner Service
 3. Approval of Council Commissioner, or assigned Assistant Council Commissioner
 4. Approval of your Council Scout Executive or Council Staff Adviser for Commissioner Service.