






BACHELOR'S DEGREE COURSES

BCS 101	Introduction to Commissioner Science - An overview of commissioner service and the most important resource—The Commissioner Fieldbook. <i>(bring your Fieldbook with you)</i>
BCS 102	Unit Charter Renewal - Review a program plan for reregistering Scouting units on time with minimal loss in membership and leaders. Learn to facilitate and achieve on-time charter renewal.
BCS 103	The Commissioner & The District - Discuss interaction with the district executive and district committee. Gain understanding to district and council operations.
BCS 104	Unit Visitation - Provides participants with insights on effective unit visits, what to look for, and how to be a help – not a hindrance.
BCS 105	Practical Solutions to Common Unit Needs - Helps commissioners understand how to respond to unit needs. Become familiar with Unit Commissioner worksheet and <i>Commissioner Helps for Packs, Troops & Crews</i> . <i>(bring your Commissioner Helps with you)</i>
BCS 106	A Commissioner's Priorities - Suggests priorities for a unit commissioner's Scouting time and energy, reviews steps in handling unit problems.
BCS 112	What Would You Do? -A group participation/discussion session on 10 situations that commissioners might encounter.
BCS 113	Service to New Units – This course is designed to provide the Commissioner with resources to help the new unit succeed.
 BCS 115	Commissioners and Diversity BSA's leadership and membership reflects the demographic character of our nation. Commissioners can use diversity to make Scouting stronger and more effective.
 BCS 116	The Spectrum of Autism This course focuses on learning disorders and the importance of helping units to deal with youth with disabilities. Also discusses how a commissioner can assist in helping their units work with youth and families with disabilities.
 BCS 117	Selecting Quality Leaders This course focuses on the selection of quality leaders. The role of a commissioner is to help the unit follow this process to ensure the unit selects the best possible leadership for their unit.

DOCTORATE DEGREE COURSES

DCS 601	Selecting a Thesis/ Research Project Topic - This session introduces the participants to the thesis project, discusses what constitutes a good thesis or research topic, and helps them select their general thesis topic
DCS 602	Limiting the Scope of The Topic - Participants receive help in reducing the thesis topic to workable size and ideas for thesis/project re-search.
DCS 603	Developing the Thesis Outline and Writing the Report - Covers the thesis outline and a variety of suggestions for writing and revising the report.
DCS 604	Thesis Workshop - This course is for those who feel they need more help getting started on or completing their thesis.
DCS 608	Advanced Commissioner Lifesaving - Administrative commissioners are taught to give leadership to a commissioner lifesaving concept. It also guides selected districts in setting up the lifesaving team approach
DCS 610	Preventing Commissioner Burnout - Covers types of burnout & how to prevent or correct it. Includes tips on time management & refers to several aspects of "commissioner wellness".

MASTER'S DEGREE COURSES

MCS 301	No-Lapse/No-Drop Commitment - Explore why units lapse or drop and how to prevent it, how to develop a no-lapse/no-drop plan for a district, and why this is so important.
MCS 303	Commissioner Lifesaving I - Sets the stage for saving a unit and reviews the basic unit lifesaving steps.
MCS 306	Counseling Skills - Presents counseling as an effective method for commissioners to help units succeed. It covers many elements of good counseling.
MCS 307	Webelos-to-Scout Transition (Retaining Scouts) - Important ways commissioners can help ensure our Cubs transition from a Cub Scout pack to a Boy Scout troop.
MCS 308	Venturing & The Commissioner -The best methods of serving Venturing Crews with information and support.
 MCS 309	Good Commissioners Need Both Head and Heart -Includes great reflections for experienced commissioners. Take home thought-provoking tips and anecdotes.
MCS 402	Recruiting New Commissioners - A bread-and-butter session for all commissioners with steps to recruit commissioners, group recruiting techniques, and prospect sources.
MCS 403	Orienting & Training Commissioners – covers all aspects of commissioner training, including new commissioner orientation, basic training, Arrowhead Honor, the Commissioner's Key, and continuing education.
 MCS 406	Effective Unit Service in Remote Rural Areas - This session helps commissioners tailor their service to sparsely populated rural areas, with practical methods for recruiting rural adults and working with rural units.
MCS 407	How to Remove a Volunteer –Covers the ineffective volunteer and ways to deal with the appropriate actions to resolve the situation.
MCS 408	The Commissioner's Top 10 List -Today everyone has their top 10 list. This group will explore a top 10 list to guarantee good commissioner service.



BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- Completion of Commissioner Basic Training
- Complete a total of 7 courses
(at least 5 at the bachelor's program level)

MASTERS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- Completion of Bachelors Degree
- Complete 7 additional courses
(at least 5 from the masters program level)

DOCTORATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- Completion of master's degree
 - Completion of 10 additional courses
(at least 5 from the doctorate program level.)
- Completion of Doctorate Thesis approved by Council Commissioner

THE COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE

Learning is a lifetime activity. As commissioners, we must continually adjust our skills to provide a more valuable service to our units. Therefore, commissioners should view learning as an important part of their Scouting lives-every month, every year. Nationally developed courses, resource materials, and training recognition provide the structure for good commissioner training. It is the mission of the Alabama-Florida, Gulf Coast & Suwannee Councils' Commissioner's Cabinet to provide fun, sparkle, motivation and frequent training opportunities so that commissioners will learn good unit service skills.

We would like to encourage you to attend the 3rd annual tri-council College of Commissioner Science. College Day is set for Saturday, **August 29, 2009** and will be held on the campus of Deane Bozeman School (13410 Hwy 77 Panama City, FL 32409) This will be a full day of learning and fellowship with opportunities to earn the recognition of a Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate in Commissioner Science. You will be getting the most up-to-date information on ways to improve your service to your units. These informative one-hour classes are packed with material you can use at your next visit and will be presented by some of the most experienced commissioners in service from the three hosting Councils.

Attached you will find information on the courses offered and the various degree requirements. We urge you to pre-register for the college using the registration form found in this catalog. This will help us to ensure that we have adequate course materials on hand, and lunch reserved for you.

Harold Turner

Alabama-Florida Council
Council Commissioner



Betsy Werre

Gulf Coast Council
Council Commissioner



Doc Horton

Suwannee River Area Council
Council Commissioner



WHEN: AUGUST 29, 2009 REGISTRATION BEGINS: 8:00AM - CLASSES 8:30AM - 5:00PM CDST

WHERE: DEANE BOZEMAN SCHOOL PRE K-12 13410 HWY 77, PANAMA CITY, FL 32409

A MAP CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT: [HTTP://WWW.BAYSCHOOLS.COM/BLC/IMAGES/MAP.JPG](http://www.bayschools.com/blc/images/map.jpg)

FEE: \$15.00 REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES: LUNCH AND COURSE MATERIALS

UNIFORM: THE PROPER UNIFORM FOR YOUR REGISTERED SCOUTING POSITION IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE COURSE.

SCOUT SHOP: SELECT COMMISSIONER ITEMS & MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE (CASH/CHECK ONLY PLEASE).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 19, 2009

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY, CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL COMMISSIONER.

Mail complete registration form & fee to:

**GULF COAST COUNCIL, BSA
9440 University Parkway,
Pensacola, FL 32514**

COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE REGISTRATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Council: _____ District: _____

Current Registered BSA Position (Select One) :

- Unit Commissioner Asst. District Commissioner District Commissioner
 Roundtable Commissioner Roundtable Staff Other _____

Have you completed Commissioner Basic Training? Yes _____ No _____ Date: _____

Any Previous College of Commissioner Science Degree Earned:

List Below how would you like your name on your nametag/recognition:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:</u> Completion of Commissioner Basic Training Complete a total of 7 courses (at least 5 at the bachelor's program level)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MASTERS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:</u> Completion of Bachelors Degree Complete 7 additional courses (at least 5 from the masters program level)</p>
<p><u>DOCTORATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:</u> Completion of master's degree Completion of 10 additional courses (at least 5 from the doctorate program level.) Completion of Doctorate Thesis approved by Council Commissioner</p>	

Note: Each Class is offered only once during the day, make sure you are selecting only 1 choice per class period

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REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DUE BY AUGUST 19, 2008

MAIL COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM & FEE TO:

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