

## **University of Scouting Degree Program**

The North Florida Council University of Scouting Degree Program is designed to provide interested Scouts and Scouters with the tools and knowledge that can be gained through supplemental training to help reinforce the Scouting program. Participation in the degree program is voluntary and adherence to the degree requirements is totally the responsibility of the student.

### ***Credits***

A credit is designated as one instruction period provided throughout the day. For a class that is scheduled for more than one period block in the University of Scouting catalog, credit will be given as 1 time the number of periods. IE: a class that is scheduled 2 periods = 2 credits; a class that is 3 periods = 3 credits.

A credit is earned by fully participating in a session in any qualified studies.

Instructors will earn 1 credit for each class period they teach. To earn the credits the instructor must submit a lesson plan, handouts and a PowerPoint slide (if created for the course) to the Chancellor prior to conducting the class.

### ***Classes That Are Accepted***

The classes qualifying for the NFC UofS Degree Program are the supplemental classes offered in the Cub Scout Studies, Scouts BSA Studies, General Studies, Venturing/Sea Scout Studies, Youth Studies and Merit Badge. Classes that are offered in the Basic Leader Studies do not earn credits as they are National Basic Leader Training courses developed for leader 100% trained status. As participation for the degree program requires a leader to be trained in his/her position, the basic training should be completed prior to the supplemental training. Commissioner courses, if offered at UofS, do not count towards the UofS Degree Program.

### ***Requirements for Participation***

The NFC UofS Degree Program requires that each participant is 100% fully trained in their current position. It is the responsibility of the student to provide proof of this training if asked to do so and is at the discretion of the UofS Degree Committee staff to ask for such documentation.

### ***Enrollment Procedures***

All UofS participants will need to check which level of Degree they are applying for at the time of registration.

Upon completion of the first 6 credits required for the Associate Degree, a participant will be qualified to work on the Bachelor's Degree. Scouters who have already earned a Bachelor's Degree may continue for advanced degrees. An Advanced Degree Form must be filled out and submitted to the UofS Degree Program Committee.

### ***Transfer of Credits***

Candidates who would like to transfer credit into the NFC UofS Degree Program must provide documentation of attendance at that Council's UofS, including a list of courses attended and dates attended. Documentation should be on Council letterhead from the Council Executive, District Executive, or Council Training Chair. The candidate's documentation will be reviewed by the NFC UofS Degree board for placement into the NFC UofS Degree Program at a commensurate level to that of the documented supplemental training.

### ***Official Disclaimer***

*The North Florida Council University of Scouting Degree Program is not and should not be construed as being affiliated with or accepted by any accredited, Private, State, or National educational system or course of study degree program. The North Florida Council University of Scouting Degree Program is only recognized by the NFC Scouting program, and/or other BSA Council UofS programs, if those Council Executives and/or Training Chairs so choose to accept and give credit in their own Council's UofS Degree Programs.*

## ADULT University of Scouting Degree Program Requirements

### **Associate Degree**

- 1) Be a registered Scouter
- 2) Be fully trained in your current registered leader position including Youth Protection
- 3) Complete six (6) credits at the NFC University of Scouting

### **Bachelor Degree**

- 1) Be a registered Scouter
- 2) Be fully trained in your current registered leader position including Youth Protection
- 3) Received Associate Degree from NFC University of Scouting
- 4) Complete six (6) additional credits for a total of twelve (12) credits at the NFC University of Scouting.

For Master's and Doctorate Degrees, fill out the Advanced Degree Program Form and turn into the NFC University of Scouting Degree Program committee. (see form for details)

### **Master's Degree\***

- 1) Be a registered Scouter
- 2) Be fully trained in your current registered leader position including Youth Protection
- 3) Received Bachelor Degree from NFC University of Scouting
- 4) Complete three (3) additional credits for a total of fifteen (15) credits at the NFC University of Scouting.
- 5) Teach at least three (3) sessions of BSA training, which may include:
  - a. District or Council training event within one year after completing Bachelor Degree
  - b. Serve as instructor at current UofS

The above must be verifiable by Council registrar, Council/District Training Chair, or UofS staff leader.

### **Doctorate Degree\***

- 1) Be a registered adult leader for at least three (3) years
- 2) Be fully trained in your current registered leader position including Youth Protection
- 3) Received Master's Degree from NFC University of Scouting
- 4) Complete three (3) additional credits for a total of eighteen (18) credits at the NFC University of Scouting (cannot include sessions used toward #6a below)
- 5) Complete a Doctoral level designated training event as a participant, which may include:
  - a. Wood badge, Powder Horn, Sea Badge
  - b. Bechtel Summit, Philmont, Sea Base Training Center
  - c. National Camp School
  - d. Any Region or National Course Directors Training
  - e. Any advanced training course approved by a UofS Degree Program committee member.
- 6) Do one of the following:
  - a. Develop or update a supplemental class that consists of at least one-hour of training and teach that class at the following NFC UofS. Course needs to be pre-approved by a member of the UofS Degree Program and notification given to the UofS Chancellor.
  - b. Serve as a facilitator for a major Council, Regional, or National training event. This is defined as a Chair or staff member that is dedicating a major amount of effort and talent to ensure the event is executed successfully and/or at above normal or accepted expectancy.

The above must be verifiable by Council registrar, Council/District Training Chair, or UofS staff leader.

## YOUTH University of Scouting Degree Program Requirements

### Associates Degree

- 1) Be registered Scout and active in your unit
- 2) Complete six (6) credits at the NFC University of Scouting

### Bachelors Degree

- 1) Be registered Scout and active in your unit
- 2) Received Associates Degree from NFC University of Scouting
- 3) Complete six (6) additional credits for a total of twelve (12) credits at the NFC University of Scouting.

For Master's and Doctorate Degrees, fill out the Advanced Degree Program Form and turn into the NFC University of Scouting Degree Program committee. (see form for details)

### Masters Degree

- 1) Be registered Scout and active in your unit
- 2) Be First Class rank, Venturing Discovery, equivalent to or above
- 3) Received Bachelor Degree from NFC University of Scouting
- 4) Complete three (3) additional credits for a total of fifteen (15) credits at the NFC University of Scouting.
- 5) Teach at least three (3) sessions of BSA training at training events, which may include:
  - a. District or Council training event within one year after completing Bachelor Degree
  - b. Serve as instructor at current UofS

The above must be verifiable by unit adult leader, Council/District Training Chair or UofS staff leader

### Doctorate Degree

- 1) Be registered Scout and active in your unit
- 2) Be Star rank, Venturing Pathfinder, equivalent to, or above
- 3) Received Master's Degree from NFC University of Scouting
- 4) Complete three (3) additional credits for a total of eighteen (18) credits at the NFC University of Scouting (cannot include sessions used toward #6a below)
- 5) Complete a Doctoral level designated youth training event as a participant, which may include:
  - a. National Youth Leadership Training, Kodiak Challenge
  - b. Powder Horn, Sea Badge
  - c. Any Region or National training event
  - d. Any training course approved by a UofS Degree Program committee member.
- 6) Do one of the following:
  - a. Develop a supplemental class that consists of at least one-hour of training and teach that class at the following NFC UofS. Course needs to be pre-approved by a member of the UofS Degree Program and notification given to the UofS Chancellor.
  - b. Serve as a staff member for a major Council, Regional, or National youth training event approved by a member of the NFC UofS Degree Program committee. This is defined as a Chair or staff member that is dedicating a major amount of effort and talent to ensure the event is executed successfully and/or at above normal or accepted expectancy.

The above must be verifiable by unit adult leader, Council registrar, Council/District Training Chair, or UofS staff leader.