

# College of Commissioner Science 2026 - Course Catalog

## Pathway to the Rockies Council

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Class Period</b>
BCS 101	Core Concepts of Unit Service	The position of commissioner is one of the oldest in Scouting. This course reviews and reinforces the core concepts of unit service and identifies the key skills needed for commissioners to be able to assess the units they serve.	1
BCS 104	Connecting with Units	At the heart of unit service are visits commissioners make with their units. This course explores methods of connecting to develop a relationship between commissioners and their units and how to document in Commissioner Tools.	7
BCS 105	Resolving Common Unit Issues	Using Unit Metrics and Connection Guides, this course will build the commissioner's knowledge of the early warning signs of a unit in danger of failing as well as group discussions about how to support problem-solving of some common issues.	5
BCS 111	Commissioner and S.A.F.E. Scouting	Scouting America's commitment to safety states that Scouting will not compromise the safety for all Scouts and their leaders and must be reinforced at every opportunity. All are responsible and must hold each other accountable to provide a safe environment. For a commissioner to support the units we serve we need to be aware and knowledgeable of all that is available to support safety within scouting.	4
BCS 112	Recruiting Unit Commissioners	Recruiting is an ongoing need. Every commissioner has a part in the process. This course describes a process for the identification and recruitment of commissioners.	6
BCS 117	Commissioner & Unit Key 3	This course examines the roles of the Unit Key 3, the role of the unit commissioner and the relationship developed through communication, collaboration and assessment.	3
BCS 119	Building Relationships	Unit service is all about relationships. In this course, we will discuss how commissioners can build and maintain positive relationships with those they serve and explore possible pitfalls that can undermine them.	6
BCS 125	Commissioner Culture	Be the Heart, Build relationships, Change lives— is the Commissioner Culture Statement. This course will explore what this statement means and how to put our "culture" into action.	2
MCS 304	Service to Units at Risk	Early detection and systematic problem-solving is critical to support units when they encounter problems which may prevent them from functioning effectively. This class will provide the commissioner with ways to identify these units and to discuss the processes needed to support the unit's move toward performing as an effective scouting unit.	6
MCS 307	Serving Newly Formed Units	An engaged commissioner is critical for the success and retention of new units. Commissioners designated as a New Unit Commissioner focus on only new units, preferably a single unit to which they have been assigned.	3
MCS 309	Good Commissioners Need Both Head and Heart	In this course, we will discuss how the servant leadership concept is carried out in service to units using your head and heart.	2

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MCS 310	Succession Planning	Adult leadership changes and to support the orderly change of leadership it is important to encourage each unit to create a long-term succession plan. Commissioners need to understand the process to support the development and maintenance of a succession plan in the units they support.	4
MCS 314	The Commissioner and the Professional	Learn more about the relationship between the commissioner and the professional; how they can work closely together to reach the common goal of providing quality service to units.	5
MCS 315	Effective Unit Service in Rural Communities	What is the definition of a rural community? This course will discuss the unique issues of rural units and how to solve them.	1
MCS 316	Unit Service Today	A new approach for unit service has developed that enables commissioners to work more closely with unit leaders. This course explores these new concepts which focus more on listening and less on data.	7
MCS 357	Managing Long Distance Roundtables	A new approach for unit service has developed that enables commissioners to work more closely with unit leaders. This course explores these new concepts which focus more on listening and less on data.	7
DCS 501	Selecting & Limiting the Scope of Your Doctoral Project	This session assists the doctoral candidate in selecting a topic for their project or thesis. The candidate will also explore various methods of limiting the focus of the project or thesis so that completion is achievable.	1
DCS 503	Developing Your Doctoral Project	This session discusses various suggestions for developing a project or thesis outline and writing the final report for submission to your doctoral advisor.	2
DCS 512	Recruiting for Diversity	How do we ensure that every unit is supported to offer a quality Scouting program? Simple. We recruit and empower enough commissioners for the task. The question becomes who is the best commissioner for each unit?	5
DCS 516	Growing and Strengthening our Unit Service Team	This course will assist districts and councils in creating a comprehensive plan to recruit commissioners and develop a tailored approach for each council/district's needs.	4
DCS 551	Roundtable Today	Roundtable is focused customer service for unit leaders. It is the single best resource for networking, training and collaboration - the give and take of information between Scout leaders and commissioners.	3