



# Citizenship in Society Merit Badge

Attached is the latest information from the Council Advancement Committee  
as it continues to offer both MB counselor orientation and the follow-up  
counselor interviews

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# **Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor – Facilitator Orientation Dates**

Friday, Feb 18, 2022, 7:00 PM

Friday, Mar 18, 2022, 7:00 PM

Friday, Apr 15, 2022, 7:00 PM

Please contact your **District Advancement Chairs** to sign up for **one** date.

The special virtual training is about one hour long.

Check out the next slides for further information about the merit badge roll-out plan and how to become a counselor-facilitator for this merit badge.



Chemistry

Current



Chess

Current

Citizenship in the  
Community

Current



Citizenship in the Nation

Current

This merit badge has special requirements listed for both the merit badge Counselor and the Scouts



Citizenship in Society

Counselor | Scouts



Citizenship in the World

Current



Climbing

Current



Coin Collecting

Current



Collections

Current | Previous



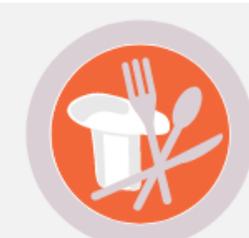
Communication

Current



Composite Materials

Current



Cooking

Current



## The CIS MB General Information

- CIS MB was developed by the BSA's Office of Diversity
- It encourages scouts to explore topics around **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION** and **ETHICAL LEADERSHIP** and to learn why these qualities are significant.
- Designed to help scouts learn about different identities, characteristics, perspectives, and the *lived experiences* we each possess.
- Launched on Nov. 1, 2021 and aligned with Scout Oath, Law, and values
- Though it is a MB now available for Scouts to consider, it is not Eagle-Required until July 1, 2022



## Facilitating the **Citizenship in Society (CIS) MB** is different from counseling other merit badges



### Here's our plan from the Council Advancement sub-committee:

- Advancement oversees the CIS MB and quality-assures delivery for the **best experience** that a Scout should have, and in a **safe space** and **safe environment**.
- The implementation plan:
  - ★ **Part 1:** Advancement receive names of interested adult MB Counselors and provides 1-hr special orientation
  - ★ **Part 2:** Then we conduct interviews  
Those approved go onto a Council list available across 14 districts
  - Part 3:** Scouts will sign-up with a yet to be determined on-line scheduler for mixed-troop group discussions overseen by 2 approved CIS MB Counselors
  - Part 4:** By end of 2022, the process for this MB will be handled by each District Advancement Chair



## GGAC's expectations and steps to becoming an approved CIS MB Counselor

1. Meet the following requirements:
  - a.) have current YPT
  - b.) take *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training for Volunteers: SCO-1800*.  
(Log-in to *My.Scouting* for the training link)
  - c.) be very familiar with the 11 merit badge requirements and concepts for discussions
  - d.) **take GGAC council-presented orientation from Advancement Committee** 
  - e.) **be approved through an interview process (also from Advancement Committee)**
  - f.) be registered as MBC (position code 42)
2. Will act as a “facilitator” – **unlike** other MBs where Counselors teach and show / EDGE.
3. Should not advocate a particular or personal point of view.
4. Understand small group study is best for discussions (between 6-8 scouts)
5. Know that MB study is not suitable for larger groups or at summer camp
6. GGAC Advancement Committee provides the list of approved MB facilitators to Council Registrar

Stay tuned.

To aid CIS MB Facilitators, the Advancement Committee has planned to record a *mock Citizen in Society (CIS) Merit Badge Session*:

- it will simulate how MB facilitation in a small cohort is done
- with specially trained MB Counselors
- and using 18 yr old former scouts as stand-ins for an actual "CIS merit badge discussion group" to express their own thoughts and opinions related to the MB's 11 Requirements
- participants will provide feedback; we will edit recording as necessary
- and allow participants and MB Counselors to approve final content



Thank you for all you do for  
our youth in scouting!