

# Mayflower Council 2019 Merit Badge University Counselor Survey Results

## Introduction

Following the 2019 Mayflower Merit Badge University in March a survey was sent to the 200 merit badge counselors who taught at this event. The purpose was to gather information on their experience to help the advancement committee plan for future merit badge universities.

Of the 200 counselors, 96 responded across 42 of the 50 merit badges offered. This response shows a good response rate and that the results are worthwhile in making future decisions.

This paper provides summary information from this survey. The detailed results of the entire survey is available as a separate file at: **Web Page Link**

## Results

**Q. Please rate the teaching space you were assigned.**

Rating	# of Counselors	Percentage
Excellent	66	68.8%
Adequate	28	29.2%
Poor	2	2.1%

**Q. What would you suggest as the minimum age?**

*Note: 15 Counselors responded. It is assumed that other counselors did not believe there was a need for a minimum age.*

Merit Badge	Recommended minimum age
Cit in Community	14
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Cit in Nation	14
Cit in World	13
Cit in World	14
Cit in World	15
Communications	14
E-Prep	13

Merit Badge	Recommended minimum age
E-Prep	13
Model Design	15
Nuclear Science	13
Personal Management	14
Programming	13
Public Speaking	14
Traffic Safety	15

**Q. What is the desirable number of students in a class?**

Number	# of Counselors	Pct.
12	23	24.0%
14	34	35.4%
16	24	25.0%
18	15	15.6%

**Average Number 14.6**

**Q. What is the maximum number of students in a class?**

Number	# of Counselors	Pct.
12	11	11.5%
14	17	17.7%
16	44	45.8%
18	24	25.0%

**Average Number 15.7**

The previous 2 tables indicate that 15 students (on average) is an appropriate number. This was the default number this past year. Our registration system currently has the ability to limit class for each merit badge. In the future, we will be guided by the responses from individual merit badges counselors in setting class size for their respective merit badges.

## Q. Scheduling Preferences

This question asked counselors to rate their preferences on 3 scheduling options for the merit badge university. Option 1 and 2 are **two** weekend schedules. Option 3 is a **three** weekend schedule. Option 1 was the schedule used in 2019. Please note that in all cases there is an “off weekend” to provide an opportunity for troop campouts and “homework”.

Option	Weekend	Schedule
1	1	One hour class in the morning and one hour class in the afternoon
	2	No Class
	3	Single 90 minute class
	4	Snow make up day

2	1	Single 90 minute class
	2	No Class
	3	Single 90 minute class
	4	Snow make up day

3	1	Single 90 minute class
	2	No Class
	3	One Hour Class
	4	One Hour Class
		If weekend 1 is snowed out then weekend 3 would become a 2 period schedule like Option 1 - Weekend 1

Below is the result of counselor choices.

Counselors' Choice			
Option	1st	2nd	3rd
1	37	34	25
2	37	43	16
3	22	19	55

It appears that counselors **prefer a 2 weekend schedule** per their rankings of options 1 and 2 as their 1<sup>st</sup> choice. However, the choice between options 1 and 2 as the 1<sup>st</sup> choice is the same. Their 2<sup>nd</sup> choice seems to prefer option 2 a bit more (43 vs. 34).