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Fall 2012

**SCUBA III - PHED-1700-02**

**Dive Leaders Class**

### Lecture: Wednesday 6:30 - 8:20pm at Adventure Sports

**Pool Sessions: TBA (follows the Scuba 1 lab sessions)**

**Office Hours M-F 11am- 1pm, 3pm – 5pm**

**Adventure Sports, 212 N Gay St. - 334-887-8005**

The **ASI Scuba Leaders Course** provides the complete knowledge base for divers who wish to become SSI Dive Masters, Dive Guides and/or Dive Control Specialists. Leadership opportunities include assisting instructors, leading tours and trips, working on dive boats and teaching Scuba Skills Update and Snorkeling classes. This course allows you to complete all the course and academic work required in order for you to be able to work to gain the experience necessary in order to earn certification as a SSI Dive Leader.

**Prerequisites:**

* 18 years of age
* Current medical form complete
* 40 dives logged
* An Advanced Open Water Diver certification with diving experience in Navigation, Night/Limited Visibility, Deep Diving, Stress and Rescue, Search and Recovery and Nitrox specialties as well as the Equipment Techniques specialty.
* Current CPR, First Aid and 02 administrator (within past 2 years)

**Classroom: 20-24 hours**

**Grading Criteria:  
700** pts Total :

2 Presentations: **100**

3 Exams: **300** (100, 100, 100)

Pool Work: **160**

2 Open Water Trips: **140** (70, 70)

Attendance/Exam Policy pts (+/-) \*

Classroom sessions will be one day a week from 6:30pm - 8:20pm at Adventure Sports

This course offers 2 hours of University credit.

Course material will cover:

* Becoming a Dive Guide
* Science of Diving Specialty Course
* Becoming a Dive Control Specialist
* Pool presentations and Classroom presentations

**Attendance Policy**  
Attendance to the lectures **IS** required. Every absence after the **second** will result in a total point reduction of 10 points. Perfect attendance will add 20 points to the student’s total points for the semester. Missed exams **must** be made up within 1 week. Exams taken more than 1 week after the scheduled exam time will have 10 pts deducted from the exam per week late. No exceptions.

**Pool Work: 8 sessions (16-18 hours)**

Students must attend 8 pool sessions to learn the constructs of each session. This will help you to learn practical experience. It is recommended that you attend one pool session per week to stay up to date on the course outline. Each lab is worth 20 points.

**Open Water Work: 9-10 dives (6 - 10 hours)**

During the class you are required to attend two open water trips from the available springs and lake trips. Each trip is worth 70 points.

**Equipment:**

Each student must provide all his or her personal and SCUBA gear. The student must also provide at least the following:

* Regulators with octopus – Oceanic or Aqualung carried by ASI
* BC with power inflator – Oceanic or Aqualung carried by ASI
* Depth and Pressure Gauge (preferably a computer)
* SSI Dive Professional tools: Timing Device, Surface Signaling device, Dive Tool, Compass, Snorkel

**Certifications**: In addition to passing the course with a minimum test score of 90 on each of the 3 tests, Trainee must display good leadership behaviors, as well as a strong command of all basic scuba skills and specialty diving techniques. An additional 40-50 hours of experience with the Open Water course and certification dives is required for the Dive Control Certification.

***This course does NOT guarantee certification in any of the SSI dive leader levels!***

**All TEACHING DIVE CONS MUST USE GEAR BRANDS SOLD BY ADVENTURE SPORTS!**

*SCUBA equipment rental is available through Adventure Sports. A package price, which includes BC, regulator setup with gauges and octopus, and wetsuit is available for $75.00. This will cover the use of the equipment through the entire course.*

**Lab Fee: $599.00 (fee includes textbooks, class instruction, tanks with air fills and dives.)**

**Lab fee is due by August 31st, 2012**

**Class Policy Statements**

**Professionalism**

As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College’s conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions are listed below:

o Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices o Contribute to collaborative learning communities

o Demonstrate a commitment to diversity o Model and nurture intellectual vitality

**Physical Activity and Wellness Program Attendance Policy**

The material and experiences in this class are important and if you are not in class, you cannot take an active role as a student. Class attendance and appropriate participation is paramount to your success as a student. Participation is defined as, but not limited to, “fully engaging in the course content and activities at a level that is deemed appropriate by the instructor.” Failure to appropriately participate in the course content and activities can result in a deduction of points from a student’s overall course grade at the discretion of the instructor. Moreover, at the discretion of the instructor, students arriving tardy to class will lose 1% of their final grade per offense. Unexcused absences cannot be made up and will result in a 3% deduction from the student’s final grade per absence. **Once a student has accrued five (5) unexcused absences he/she will not be permitted to take the final examination and will receive a grade of FA (as stipulated by the Physical Activity and Wellness Program guidelines). Moreover, students who accrue eight (8) absences (excused, unexcused and/or combination of each type) will not be permitted to take the final examination and will receive a grade of FA.**

Excused absences will be treated as follows:

a. Students must provide the instructor with a valid excuse upon returning to class (refer to Auburn University’s policy concerning class attendance and excused/unexcused absences): and

b. Make-up work developed and assigned at the discretion of the instructor must be completed within a week of the student returning to class.

If the student fails to follow these instructions the excused absence in question will be calculated as an unexcused absence. There are times when unforeseen circumstances will not allow you to attend class. Exceptions to this policy due to extreme circumstances are only permitted with the professor’s timely knowledge and approval. Arrangements to make up missed assignments and examinations due to properly authorized excused absences shall be initiated by the student within a week of the excused absence as mandated by Auburn University. Again, the format of any make-up work/assignments will be at the instructor’s discretion. Finally, the instructor will address all issues concerning absences at his/her discretion. Students are encouraged to refer to Auburn University’s policies concerning attendance, absences, academic honesty, and make-up work as found in the Auburn Bulletin.

**AU BULLETIN EXCUSED ABSENCE POLICY**

“Arrangement to make up missed major examinations (e.g. hour exams, midterm exams) due to properly authorized excused absences (as defined by the Student Policy eHandbook) shall be initiated by the student within one week from the end of the period of the excused absence. Normally, a make-up exam shall occur within two weeks from the time that the student initiates arrangements for it... Instructors are expected to excuse absences for:

a. Illness of the student or serious illness of a member of the student’s immediate family. **The instructor may request appropriate verification.**

b. The death of a member of the student’s immediate family. **The instructor may request appropriate verification.**

c. Trips for members of the student organizations sponsored by an academic unit, trips for University classes, and trips for participation in intercollegiate athletic events. When feasible, the student must notify the instructor prior to such absences, but in no case more than one week after the absence. **Instructors may request formal notification from appropriate University personnel to document the student’s participation in such trips.**

d. Religious holidays. Students are responsible for notifying the instructor in writing of anticipated absences due to their observance of such holidays.

e. Subpoena for court appearance. **The instructor may request appropriate verification.**

**Academic Honesty Policy:** All portions of the Auburn University student academic honesty code (Title XII) found in the Student Policy eHandbookwill apply to university courses. All academic honesty violations or alleged violations of the SGA Code of Laws will be reported to the Office of the Provost, which will then refer the case to the Academic Honesty Committee.

**Disability Accommodations:** Students who need accommodations are asked to electronically submit their approved accommodations through AU Access and to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours, an alternate time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me by e-mail. If you have not established accommodations through the Office of Accessibility, but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Office of Accessibility, 1228 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).

**Course contingency: *\*\*This is a dynamic Syllabus and is subject to change\*\****

If normal class and/or lab activities are disrupted due to illness, emergency, or crisis situation, the syllabus and other course plans and assignments may be modified to allow completion of the course. If this occurs, an addendum to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original materials.

**Course Evaluations**: Evaluations are required by the university for all of AU courses and must be completed.

AU eValuate Fall Semester evaluation dates:

Open:   November 29, 2012 (8:00 am)

Close:   December 2, 2012 (11:59pm)