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Fall 2012

# **Open Water I**

**PHED-1760**

## Lecture: Tuesday 4-4:50pm

Pool Sessions: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday 1-3pm; Sunday 6-9pm

**Instructor: Wade Lloyd: Office Hours M-F 11am- 1pm, 3pm – 5pm**

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

This class is an entry level course designed to learn about diving and earn an Open Water certification.

**Open Water:** SSI Open Water Diver certification cards are recognized throughout the world. They entitle you to dive for a lifetime with other certified divers. It also enables you to purchase/rent equipment and obtain air fills anywhere you choose to dive.

**CLASS WORK:**

PHED 1760 is the class designation and it offers 2 hours of University Credit. There will be one lecture session that meets in the Memorial Coliseum and pool sessions that will meet at the University Pool. There will be 2 exams as well as a final exam. Along with the exams, there will be workbook pages to be completed and turned in by the last day of class. **Your attendance at the pool and Lake Martin is *required* for this class**.

**EQUIPMENT:**

Each student **must** provide all of their **personal gear**, including **mask**, **fins**, **snorkel**, **booties**, **weight belt**, **weight** and **textbook packet**. All gear purchased from us can be exchanged for full trade in value at any time during the class if you have any problems with fit, quality, etc. **We do offer a 10% discount on personal gear to our students.** We furnish all the major equipment you will need for the class including: regulators, buoyancy compensators, wetsuits and tanks.

**Grading Criteria:**  Your final letter grade will be determined on a total point (800) basis. Borderline grades will receive consideration based on participation. **Grade will automatically be a 0 if lab fee is not paid!**

Total points: **800**

Homework – **100** (3 Homework Sections – 25 each, Deco Work Sheet – 25)

Exams – **300** (First – 100, Second - 50 Third – 150)

Pool Lab – **300**(100 *skill points and 200 attendance points*)

Fresh Water Lab**: 100**

*\*\*****Students shall not receive credit for homework turned in after the due dates. \*\****

For more information please call Adventure Sports at **334-887-8005**

**Attendance policy**: There is no official classroom attendance policy, although it is *highly recommended* you attend. ***There is a MANDATORY attendance policy for the pool lab sessions***. You must attend 8 out of the 10 labs to receive all 300 points (or at least 80% of scheduled labs). The optional dive trips can count towards missed lab totals, at the instructor’s discretion. The final two scheduled labs of each semester will be a make-up sessions. If you do miss lab you will be required to make up the lab and skills taught on the day of absence. Sunday labs are 3 hour labs, and you will be required to attend 6 of the 7 required pool sessions.

**Test Make-Up:** Test make-up will only be granted to students with proper University approved excuses. Students with approved excuse have until **Nov. 27th** to make-up exam.

**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)

**CERTIFICATION TRIPS ARE OUTLINED BELOW:**

**Lake Martin (Required):** This is an introduction to the open water. The dives are made at Lake Martin located approximately 45 minutes northwest of Auburn. While at Lake Martin, you will make one skin dive and two or three SCUBA dives. The trip involves one day and takes about four hours.

**Panama City/ Springs:** We will do 3 dives in Vortex/Morrison Springs on Friday afternoon. On Saturday, dives are made from Panama City in the Gulf of Mexico. There will be a morning boat which consists of two dives. This boat trip will take four hours and is setup for you to receive an Open Water I certification. We **require** at least one day at the lake before this dive.

**Optional Trips for Advanced Certification:**

**Panama City Afternoon Boat**: An optional afternoon boat dive will be offered on the same Saturday as the Open Water dives. This will get an Advanced Adventurer certification. There will be an 80ft dive and a night dive on this boat. We **require** at least one day at the lake and Vortex Springs before this dive and the am boat.

**Florida Keys:** You will have the opportunity to get an Advanced Adventurer certification in the Keys. This will take the place of the Panama City dives. We **require** at least one day at the lake or Vortex Springs before this dive. The price of this trip includes diving, transportation, and lodging.

**COSTS** (only lab and lake fees are mandatory): **\*Dates are tentative\***

**Lab Fee**: $180.00 (Paid to Adventure Sports Scuba). **Due by August 31, 2012**

**Lake**: $65.00 **October 16th or 17th**

**Vortex Springs**: $90.00 **October 19th**

**Panama** **City:** $160 **October 20th** Optional night boat is an additional $120.00

**Florida Keys:** $675 **December 7th-11th**

**Blackbeard’s Cruise** $899 **December 27th – January 2nd**

**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.