**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR SCUBA TRAINING AND DIVE TRIP INFORMATION!**

**http://www.adventuresportsauburn.com or http://www.facebook.com/AdventureSportsSCUBA**

**\*\*Please make sure to check the following link frequently for changes in University policy regarding operation during the COVID-19 pandemic.\*\***

<https://ahealthieru.auburn.edu/>

**COVID-specific policies relevant to this course can be found later in this syllabus.**

SPRING 2021

**Scuba 3 - Dive Leaders Class (PHED 1700-02)**

### Classroom: 10 two hour Sessions – Wednesdays 6:00pm –8:00pm

**Pool Sessions: TBD**

**Adventure Sports, 747 E Glenn Ave. 334-887-8005**

The **ASI Scuba Leaders Course** provides the complete knowledge base for divers who wish to become Professional SSI Dive Masters. Leadership opportunities include leading tours and trips, working on dive boats and assisting SSI Instructors and with Open Water courses. 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 Professional Dive Leader.

**Prerequisites:**

* 18 years of age
* Current medical form complete
* 40 dives logged with a minimum of 25 hours
* An Advanced Open Water certification or higher with certifications in Stress & Rescue, Navigation, Night/Limited Visibility and Deep Diving.

**Grading Criteria:  
500** pts Total

5 section review homework: **100** (30, 30, 20, 20)

1 Presentation: **100**

4 Exams: **300** (100, 100, 50, 50)

Attendance Policy pts (+/-) \*

* Current CPR and First Aid
* Current 02 administrator

**Classroom: 20-24 hours**

Classroom sessions will be 1 day a week at Adventure Sports.

Course material will cover:

* Becoming a SSI Dive Guide
* Science of Diving Specialty Course
* Equipment Techniques and Wreck Diving Specialties

**Attendance Policy**: Attendance to all lectures **IS** required. **Every absence after the first will result in a total point reduction of 25 points.** Perfect attendance will add 25 points to the student’s total points for the semester. Exams must be taken within the assigned week ending on Fridays at 6pm. **Exams taken late will have 10 pts deducted from the exam per week.** No exceptions.

**Session Review Homework:**

Session review questions must be completed by the Wednesday of that sections test. 10pts are deducted for each week late.

**Pool Sessions: 8-10 pool sessions (16-20 hours)**

Assisting instructors during open water labs, learning to be an active Dive Master and for future experience needed in the AI course

**Open Water Work: 4-5 dives (3 - 6 hours)**

During the class we will have optional open water trips from the available springs, lake and PC trips.

**Equipment:** Each student must provide all personal and SCUBA gear. The following is also required:

* Regulators with octopus – Aqualung/Sherwood carried by ASI
* BC with power inflator – Aqualung/Sherwood 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 4 tests and completing necessary dives for specialty training, trainee must display good leadership behaviors, as well as a strong command of all basic scuba skills and specialty diving techniques.

***THIS COURSE DOES NOT GUARANTEE CERTIFICATION IN ANY OF THE SSI DIVE LEADER LEVELS!***

**ALL DIVE MASTERS ASSISTING CLASSES 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 this equipment through the entire course.*

**Class Fee: $559.00 (fee includes digital course material, tanks/air, and classroom instruction)**

**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 eHandbook will 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.

**\*\*COVID-19 POLICIES\*\***

**Attendance Policy**

Your health and safety, and the health and safety of your peers, are my top priorities. If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, or if you discover that you have been in close contact with others who have symptoms or who have tested positive, you should not attend in-person classes. My hope is that if you are feeling ill or if you have been exposed to someone with the virus, you will stay home to protect others.

Please do the following in the event of an illness or COVID-related absence:

* Notify me in advance of your absence if possible (or within 48 hours of missed class)
* Keep up with coursework as much as possible
* Participate in class activities and submit assignments electronically as much as possible
* Notify me if you require a modification to the deadline of an assignment or exam

Finally, if remaining in a class and fulfilling the necessary requirements becomes impossible due to illness or other COVID-related issues, please let me know as soon as possible so we can discuss your options.

**Face Covering Policy**

In response to COVID-19, and in alignment with Auburn University's Presidential directives, and local, state, and national health official guidelines face coverings are required at all times while on campus, except when alone in a private office. This includes the classroom, laboratory, studio, creative space, or any type of in-person instructional activity, and public spaces. "A “face covering” is defined as a “covering that fully covers a person’s nose and mouth, including without limitation, cloth face mask, surgical mask, towels, scarves, and bandanas.

If a student has a medical exception to the face covering requirement, please contact the Office of Accessibility to obtain appropriate documentation.

**Instructional Contingency Plan**

If normal class and/or lab activities are disrupted due to illness, emergency, or crisis situation (such as a COVID-19 outbreak), 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. If the method of delivery should need to be changed throughout the course of the semester, please look to your Canvas page for announcements.

* Back-up instructors are Shane Blanton and/or Ryan Schoonover.
* In the event the instructor is unable to attend, contingency plans include back-up instructors filling in for normal class and lab meetings OR meetings will be moved to online. All announcements will be made through Canvas.