

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Department of Kinesiology

Sport and Recreation Office

Spring 2020

Course Number, Title, and Credit Hours: SPT&REC 126, Skin & Scuba, 1 credit

Special Course fee: \$275.00 (includes equipment rental and books)

Location: Aquatic Adventures, Inc.
13830 West Greenfield Ave.
Brookfield, WI & Klotsche Center Pool
Phone: (262) 938-6827
diveaai.com

Section Number and Day/Time: Lec 101 T 6:00 PM-9:20 PM 01/21/20-03/14/20
Lec 102 T 6:00 PM-9:20 PM 03/23/20-05/07/20

Instructor: Jerry Otte

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Additional Contact: If you are unable to reach the instructor, contact the Sport & Rec Office at 414-227-3123 or email chs-outreach@uwm.edu.

Description of course objectives: This course introduces the student to scuba through academic and confined water training. During these training sessions, students will learn how to assemble, operate, and break down scuba systems. Students will also learn basic scuba skills such as mask and regulator clearing, emergency air management, and dive planning.

Pre-requisite(s): Students must be able to swim 200 yards without stopping and tread water for 10 minutes.

Required and Recommended Readings: PADI Open Water Diver manual and PADI Log Book are included in course fee and will be supplied at your first class.

Required and Recommended Equipment/Material(s): Mask, fins, snorkel, and boots are recommended but not required. A special discount is provided to UWM students who purchase prior to the first pool dive.

Special out-of-class assignments: Students who wish to earn the PADI Open Water Diver certification must participate in four open water dives that are conducted over two days. PADI certification and the open water dives are not part of the UWM program and are not factored into the student's grade. Additional fees apply.

Tips for successful participation in class: Students should make sure to attend every class and pool session. For your safety, PADI standards do not permit classroom sessions or pool dives to be taken out of order. Therefore, you will not be permitted to attend any class following an absence, regardless of the reason, without making up the material that was missed.

Grading Policies: Grades are based upon successful completion of all pool dives and scores on 4 quizzes and a final exam.

Quizzes and Exams (total of 90 possible points):

4 Quizzes - 10 points each

1 Exam - 50 points

Pool Dives (total of 50 possible points)

5 Dives - 10 points each

Total points divided by 140 for final grade

Grading Scale:

A	95.00 – 100.00
A-	94.99 – 93.00
B+	92.99 – 90.00
B	89.99 – 87.00
B-	86.99 – 85.00
C+	84.99 – 82.00
C	81.99 – 79.00
C-	78.99 – 77.00
D+	76.99 – 74.00
D	73.99 – 71.00
D-	70.00
F	Less than 70.00

Schedule:

Schedules for all UWM courses taught through Aquatic Adventures can be found at <https://diveaai.com/en/uw-milwaukee-scuba-schedules>. Schedules may change due to time

constraints, weather, or availability of dive sites and facilities. All changes will be posted on this web page.

Assignment Policies:

MISSED CLASS POLICY: Because dive industry standards prohibit students from attempting complex skills without having first mastered the more elementary skills on which they are based, students may not be allowed to rejoin their class if they miss a classroom, confined water, or open water dive. A \$25 per hour private instruction fee is charged to make up missed classes if the training cannot be completed with another class. If the instructor or student cannot coordinate their scheduled to make up missed classes, the student will be asked to withdraw from the course.

UWM RENTAL POLICY: Students will be issued equipment for confined water and open water dives. That equipment may be used only by that student and only for purposes of scuba training in this course. Use for any other purpose is strictly prohibited. Any student found in violation of this policy will be expelled from class and all course fees will be forfeited.

During the time of rental, students are responsible for the proper care of the rented gear as outlined in the *PADI Open Water Diver* manual. Students will be charged for any damage to equipment that is the result of negligence, including exposure to heat or cold. Students will also be charged for the return of equipment that has not been properly rinsed following open water training.

All rental equipment is due back to Aquatic Adventures, Inc. by 7:00 p.m. on the next business day following the final day of confined water training or by 2:00 p.m. on the final day of open water training. Students who pick up equipment and then fail to show up for a confined water or open water training dive must return their gear by 7:00 p.m. on the next business day. Any student who fails to return gear at the appropriate time will be charged the standard rental charge for each day the equipment is late. No certifications or university grades will be issued to students who fail to return their gear or have outstanding balances with Aquatic Adventures, Inc. that are the result of late returns or damage due to negligence. Equipment that is not returned within 3 business days of the return date will be considered stolen and will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

CERTIFICATION: Open water training is NOT part of the Skin & Scuba program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Students who wish to receive a PADI certification must attend four open water dives. A certification fee will be collected from UWM students when they register for the open water dives to cover administrative fees. This fee is non-refundable. Students who fail to show up for an open water dive will need to pay an additional \$25 to register for another day. However, the standard life-support equipment rental package fee is provided free of charge as a courtesy to UWM Skin & Scuba students attending open water training. Personal gear, entry fees, and any other items that are not provided in the standard Aquatic Adventures Open Water Diver course are the responsibility of all students attending open water dives.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS: Students with medical conditions should consult the RSTC Medical Statement on the Aquatic Adventures website, <https://diveaai.com/en/forms>. Students answering “YES” to any question on the form will be required to get a doctor’s approval to dive before being allowed to participate in any pool activities. If you have a medical condition or are currently using prescription drugs, please print out this form and bring it to your doctor or the Norris Health Center. Your doctor or a campus doctor can certify your fitness to participate in scuba diving. Bring the completed form with you to your first class. Please note, only students with medical conditions need to be evaluated by a doctor.

UWM POLICIES AND FEES: All University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee students are required to familiarize themselves with the schedules, policies, and fees associated with scuba training by reading through the material provided at <http://uwm.diveaai.com>. Aquatic Adventures will not be responsible for any inconveniences or issues arising from students claiming to be unfamiliar with the material provided for their benefit on this website.

Attendance requirements: Any student who does not participate in classes cannot expect to satisfactorily complete course objectives and therefore should consider dropping the course.

Guidelines for wireless and electronic devices in the classroom: The guidelines are on the College of Health Sciences website: <http://uwm.edu/healthsciences/students/guidelines-for-electronic-wireless-devices-in-the-classroom/>

Definition of a credit hour: This is a 1 credit course. Students are expected to invest approximately 6 + hours per week in class activities. This includes class participation, lectures and outside assignments.

University Policies

1. *Students with disabilities.* If you will need accommodations to meet any of the requirements of this course please contact me as soon as possible. Verification of disability, class standards, the policy on the use of alternate materials and test accommodations can be found at the following:
<http://uwm.edu/arc/>
2. *Religious observances.* Policies regarding accommodations for absences due to religious observance are found at the following:
<http://www4.uwm.edu/secu/docs/other/S1.5.htm>
3. *Students called to active military duty.* Accommodations for absences due to call-up of reserves to active military duty should be noted.
<http://uwm.edu/active-duty-military/>

4. *Incompletes*. The conditions for awarding an incomplete to graduate and undergraduate students can be found at the following:
https://www4.uwm.edu/secu/docs/other/S_31_INCOMPLETE_GRADES.pdf
5. *Discriminatory conduct (such as sexual harassment)*. Definitions of discrimination, harassment, abuse of power, and the reporting requirements of discriminatory conduct are found at the following:
https://www4.uwm.edu/secu/docs/other/S_47_Discrimina_duct_Policy.pdf
6. *Title IX/Sexual Violence*. Title IX is a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education program or activities, and UWM policy prohibits such conduct (see Discriminatory Conduct, above). This includes sexual violence, which may include sexual harassment, sexual assault, relationship violence, and/or stalking in all educational programs and education-related areas. UWM strongly encourages its students to report any instance of sex discrimination to UWM's Title IX Coordinator (titleix@uwm.edu). Whether or not a student wishes to report an incident of sexual violence, the Title IX Coordinator can connect students to resources at UWM and/or in the community including, but not limited to, victim advocacy, medical and counseling services, and/or law enforcement. For more information, please visit: <https://uwm.edu/sexual-assault/>.
7. *Academic misconduct*. Policies for addressing students cheating on exams or plagiarism can be found at the following:
http://uwm.edu/deanofstudents/conduct/conduct_procedures/academic-misconduct/ and
<http://uwm.edu/academicaffairs/facultystaff/policies/academic-misconduct/>
8. *Class misconduct*: Disruption of class, harassment, and any behavior considered hazardous to others may be cause for dismissal from class.
https://www4.uwm.edu/secu/docs/other/S_9_Behavior_Ca_ing_Process.pdf
9. *Complaint procedures*. Students may direct complaints to the head of the academic unit or department in which the complaint occurs. If the complaint allegedly violates a specific university policy, it may be directed to the head of the department or academic unit in which the complaint occurred or to the appropriate university office responsible for enforcing the policy.
https://www4.uwm.edu/secu/docs/other/S_47_Discrimina_duct_Policy.pdf
10. *Grade appeal procedures*. Procedures for student grade appeal appear at the following:
<http://www4.uwm.edu/secu/docs/other/S28.htm>
11. *LGBT+ resources*. Faculty and staff can find resources to support inclusivity of students who identify as LGBT+ in the learning environment.
<http://uwm.edu/lgbtrc/>
12. *Other*. Policies regarding final examinations can be found at the following:
<http://www4.uwm.edu/secu/docs/other/S22.htm>

Assumption of Risk:

Students are notified that this course/activity has inherent hazards, exposures, and risks, some known and some unanticipated, which could result in harm, injury (physical or mental), illness, diseases, death or damages to the student, the student's property or to other third parties or their property.

By enrolling in and continuing to participate in this course/activity, students are voluntarily agreeing to assume all of the inherent hazards, exposures, and risks associated with this course. Students must accept full responsibility for their own health and well-being by participating in this activity. Students must also accept full responsibility for third parties whose health and well-being are affected by the students' participation in this course/activity.

Students are also notified that UWM does not provide any accident or health insurance to cover participation in the course/activity, and that students are responsible to provide their own such insurance.

Students will be required to sign a separate Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Release form for this course/activity.