
COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Department of Kinesiology

Sport and Recreation Office

Spring 2019

Course Number, Title, and Credit Hours: SPT&REC 289, Rescue Diver, 1 credit

Special Course fee: \$203.00 (includes book, equipment rental for one weekend and PADI Rescue Diver certification)

Location: Aquatic Adventures, Inc. & TBA
13830 W. Greenfield Ave.
Brookfield, WI 53005
Other Locations TBA
Phone: (262)-938-6827
diveaai.com

Section Number and Day/Time: Lec 122 R 6:30PM – 8:20PM 03/25/19-05/09/19

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 mchs-outreach@uwm.edu

Description of course objectives: The PADI Rescue Diver course is designed for divers who wish to develop accident prevention and management skills and gain confidence and self-assurance by learning how to assist other divers. By the end of this course, divers will be able to recognize and correct problems in the water before they become emergency situations. The course consists of approximately 8 hours of classroom time, a written exam, confined water exercises, and practical application scenarios where the student learns to manage rescue operations.

Pre-requisite(s):

- PADI Open Water Diver certification ([UWM Skin & Scuba](#) plus open water dives) or equivalent.
- PADI [Advanced Open Water](#) must be completed before doing open water dives.
- Current CPR and First AID training ([Emergency First Response](#) preferred).

Required and Recommended Readings: *PADI Rescue Diver manual*. The cost of this manual is included in the special course fee, and a copy of the manual will be supplied to you at your first class meeting.

Required and Recommended Equipment/Material(s):

Rescue pocket mask.

PADI requires the following equipment for all certified divers taking continuing education courses: mask, fins, snorkel, appropriate exposure protection, dive knife/tool, scuba tank, buoyancy control device with low-pressure inflator, weight system, regulator, alternate air source, submersible pressure gauge, depth gauge, timing device and/or dive computer, compass and Recreational Dive Planner. For night dives, student divers must each have an underwater light and whistle. In addition, all students must have an underwater slate and writing instrument on each dive.

*Important: PADI instructors have the right to deny any student diver the right to participate in open water dives if that student does not have proper scuba equipment. Mask, fins, snorkel, and boots are available for rental from Aquatic Adventures if the student does not own them. Life support equipment is provided free of charge for one weekend. See policies below for care, return, and additional rental policies.

Entrance to Klotsche/Pavilion (if applicable): Students must have their student ID card for entrance.

Special out-of-class assignments: 5 recommended open water dives conducted over one day. See the class schedule at <http://uwm.diveaai.com> for times and locations.

Tips for successful participation in class: Students are required to complete 5 classroom sessions and corresponding knowledge reviews, 5 pool sessions, and 1 final examination. It is necessary for students to complete all of these activities to be successful in passing the course.

Grading Policies: Grading is based on the following:

- Attendance in class and successful completion of 5 knowledge reviews = 5 point each session(25% of grade)
- Attendance at 5 pool = 5 points each session (25% of grade)
- Final examination = 50 points (50% of 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 <http://uwm.diveaai.com>. 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 schedule to make up missed classes, the student will be asked to withdraw from the course.

UWM RENTAL POLICY: Students will be issued life support equipment for open water dives. There is no charge for using this equipment, provided the student completes all dives in one weekend. Normal rental fees will apply to any additional days needed to complete certification. All rented equipment may be used only by the student it is issued to 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 4:00 p.m. on the Sunday following open water training. Students who pick up equipment and then fail to show up for an open water training dive must return their gear by 4:00 p.m. on the next business day. Any student who fails to return gear at the appropriate time will be charged a \$65 per day late fee. 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 a required part of the Rescue Diver program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. However, the PADI certification fee is included in the course fee. This fee is non-refundable. The standard life-support equipment rental package fee is provided free of charge as a courtesy to UWM students attending open water training for one weekend. Standard rental rates will apply if the student fails to complete all open water dives during the scheduled class. Personal gear, entry fees, boat fees and any other items that are not provided in the standard Aquatic Adventures Advanced Open Water Diver course are the responsibility of all students attending open water dives.

MISSED CERTIFICATION DIVES: Students who fail to show up for an open water dive will need to pay an additional \$25 to reschedule for another day. This fee is non-refundable.

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.

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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_Discriminatory_Conduct_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_Causing_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_Discriminatory_Conduct_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.