

SCUBA Diving PE 1205 Course Syllabus

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Textbook

Required: *Scuba Schools International (SSI) Open Water Diver Course Kit*. This kit is sold directly through the course instructor and needs to be purchased the first day of class for \$60.

Course Content & Grading

Internationally recognized standards on SCUBA instruction call for classroom, pool, and open water training to be conducted for all individuals seeking certification. PE1205 consists of the classroom and pool training sessions. You will be presented with multiple options for conducting your open water training sessions for an additional fee if you so choose (see the "Options for SCUBA Certification" section below).

Classroom Sessions

- Four Multiple Choice Quizzes (50 points total combined)
- One 50 Question Multiple Choice Final Exam (50 points total)

Pool Sessions

- Attendance + Skills Attempted (50 points total)

Grading

- Your final course grade is determined by how many points you earn during the course (150 points are possible):
 - ✓ Attending all pool sessions and performing the required skills earns you 50 points.
 - ✓ Quiz and Final Exam account for another possible 100 points.
 - ✓ Grading is as follow: Earning 150-135 points is an "A;" 134-120 points is a "B;" 119-105 points is a "C;" 104-90 points is a "D."

**** To continue to your open water training sessions you must first get 40 points or better on the Final Exam, and comfortably execute all required SCUBA skills while in the pool.*

Schedule of Course Topics

Date	Topic	Chapter(s)	Quiz
Week 1	<i>Introduction & Equipment</i>	1, 2	No
Week 2	<i>Physics & Physiology</i>	3	Yes
Weeks 3 & 4	<i>Decompression</i>	4	Yes
Week 4 & 5	<i>Diving Concerns</i>		Yes
Week 5 & 6	<i>Dive Planning</i>	3, 4	
Week 6	<i>Aquatic Environment</i>	5	Yes
Week 7	<i>Final Exam</i>	1 - 5	No

**** Please Note: Classroom attendance is absolutely mandatory for weeks 1 & 2, and pool attendance is absolutely mandatory for weeks 1, 2 & 3.*

Options for SCUBA Certification

Superior Expeditions

<http://www.superiorexpeditions.com>

- Square Lake or Perch Lake
 - Both are near Stillwater, MN (approximately 45 minutes away).
 - Two days, approximately 6 hours per day. Cost is \$195.00.
 - Available in late Spring, Summer, and Fall.
 - You are responsible for transportation to and from either lake.
- Lake Superior
 - Silver Bay, MN. The drive is approximately 3 ½ hours each way.
 - Overnight trip: leave town Friday late afternoon and return Sunday evening. You are responsible for your own transportation. Cost \$125 in addition to the local price of \$195. Includes lodging, diving and a casual dinner on Saturday night.
 - Available on two or three weekends, usually during July and August.
- Other Trips as scheduled through Superior Expeditions
 - Check the website for scheduling information. Cost varies depending on trip.

Universal Referral Program

<http://www.universalreferral.com>

- This option allows you to obtain your open water training through most diving service providers worldwide. Your cost is \$45 and includes your certification processing fees and diving logbook.
 - Your certification card will be issued by Bob Karl/Superior Expeditions. The Referral Instructor will only conduct your open water training dives.
 - Keep in mind you will also need to pay the Referral Instructor. Prices on this will vary greatly depending on location, time of year, etc..
 - A Referral can be given within 6 months of successfully completing the course. If you request a Referral after 6 months but within 18 months, we require that you return to the pool for a refresher (no charge for this). If you request a Referral after 18 months you will need to retake the Final Exam, re-submit the answers to all study guide questions, and redo parts of the pool sessions. After three years you will need to retake the entire course. Once a Referral is given, you have 30 days to complete your open water dives.

Appendix: Definition of Grades as per the University of Minnesota Standards

A	Achievement that is outstanding relative to the level necessary to meet course requirements.
B	Achievement that is significantly above the level necessary to meet course requirements.
C	Achievement that meets the course requirements in every respect.
D	Achievement that is worthy of credit even though it fails to meet fully the course requirements.
S	Achievement that is satisfactory, which is equivalent to a C- or better (achievement required for an S is at the discretion of the instructor but may be no lower than a C-).
F (or N)	Represents failure (or no credit) and signifies that the work was either (1) completed but at a level of achievement that is not worthy of credit or (2) was not completed and there was no agreement between the instructor and the student that the student would be awarded an I (see also I)
I (Incomplete)	Assigned at the discretion of the instructor when, due to extraordinary circumstances, e.g., hospitalization, a student is prevented from completing the work of the course on time. Requires a written agreement between instructor and student.

For undergraduate courses, one credit is defined as equivalent to an average of three hours of learning effort per week (over a full semester) necessary for an average student to achieve an average grade in the course. For example, a student taking a three credit course that meets for three hours a week should expect to spend an additional six hours a week on coursework outside the classroom. Academic dishonesty: academic dishonesty in any portion of the academic work for a course shall be grounds for awarding a grade of F or N for the entire course.