

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 \$80 (this is web based online access). A hard copy may be purchased for an Additional \$15 but does not replace the online Kit which is still required

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).

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 pool sessions and attempting the required skills earns you 50 points.
- Mid Term 25 points
- Final Exam 50 points
- Completion of Study Guide Review Questions
 - 15 points first 3 chapters - Prior to week 4
 - 10 points final 3 Chapters

Grade Definitions (Grade: Points)

A: 150 - 140	A-: 139 -135	B+: 134 - 130	B: 129 - 125	B-: 124 - 120
C+: 119 - 115	C: 114 - 110	C-: 109 - 105	D+: 104 - 100	D: 99 - 95
D-: 94 - 90	S: 150 - 105	N: 89 or below		

*** 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	Online Text Chapter(s)	Review Q's
Week 1	<i>Introduction & Equipment</i>	1, 2	
Week 2	<i>Physics & Physiology</i>	2	
Week 3	<i>Diving Concerns</i>	3	Chapter 1-3
Week 4	<i>Dive Planning</i>	4 & 5	Midterm
Week 5	<i>Decompression</i>	4 & appendix	
Week 6	<i>Aquatic Environment & beyond</i>	5	
Week 7	<i>Final Exam</i>	1 - 6	Chapters 4 - 6

*** **Please Note: Classroom attendance is absolutely mandatory for Sessions 1 & 2, and pool attendance is absolutely mandatory for Sessions 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 1/2 hours each way.
 - Overnight trip: Leave town Friday late afternoon and return Sunday evening. You are responsible for your own transportation. Cost \$255 in addition to the open water price of \$195. Includes lodging, diving and food Sat morning thru Sunday lunch.
 - Very limited availability on two or three weekends, usually during July.
- **Other Trips** as scheduled through Superior Expeditions (see website above)
 - Check the website for scheduling information. Cost varies depending on trip destination.

Universal Referral Program

- 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 12 months, we require that you return to the pool for a refresher (no charge for this). If you request a Referral after 12 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 two 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

Grade	Points	GPA	Narrative
A	94-100	4.000	Represents achievement that is outstanding
A-	90-93.9	3.667	
B+	87-89.9	3.333	
B	84-86.9	3.000	Represents achievement that is significantly above the level necessary to meet course requirements
B-	80-83.9	2.667	
C+	77-79.9	2.333	
C	74-76.9	2.000	Represents achievement that meets the course requirements in every respect
C-	70-73.9	1.667	
D+	67-69.9	1.333	
D	64-66.9	1.000	Represents achievement worthy of credit, though it fails to meet fully the course requirements
S	70-100	N.A.	Represents achievement that is satisfactory, which is equivalent to a C- or better
F	63.9 or below		Represents achievement that is not worthy of credit
N	0-69.9		Represents achievement that is not satisfactory

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.