Description
This course is designed for someone with no SCUBA experience. It consists of pool and classroom time, meeting once a week for 10 weeks from 7pm - 10pm. Half of the time is spent in the pool learning to use SCUBA equipment, the other half is spent in the classroom. An optional weekend of diving in the ocean, leading to NAUI Scuba Diver Certification, will be scheduled near the end of the 10 weeks.

1. **Prerequisite:**
   Able to swim and enjoy being in the water.

2. **Meeting:**
   SCUBA classes start September 11, 2017. Attend the night you are registered for. Classes are held Mon, Tue, Wed, and Thur. Bring a bathing suit and a towel. We meet at Curry Hicks Pool at 7pm. Students must register for the course. The course number is NRC 120.

3. **General information:**
   Project DEEP is a non profit agency that offers SCUBA courses at Umass.
   The certifying agency for the course is NAUI (National Association of Underwater Instructors).

4. **General conditions:**
   A) Course cost = $175.00.
   Students must supply own mask, fins, snorkel, wet suit boots (optional for pool), textbook, and dive log.
   These materials will be needed for the SECOND CLASS MEETING. Students who do not already own this equipment can order it at the first class, and have it delivered to the second class meeting, for a cost of $140 and up.

   B) Course fees are broken down as follows:
   i) Pool and classroom instruction, paid to Project DEEP by the 3rd class meeting, = $175.00
   ii) Open Water Instruction and gear rental fee, (optional for certification), paid to Project DEEP by the 5th class meeting, = $100.00. Students taking a referral need to have their open water instructor give them their Certification Card. Project DEEP does not participate in the “Universal Referral Program”.
   iii) Make checks or money orders payable to Project DEEP. NO CASH PLEASE. Returned check fee = $25.00

   C) A wetsuit and one of the two tanks necessary for the open water weekend WILL NOT be provided by Project DEEP. You can rent these items anywhere you would like. As an example of a cost estimate only, Cape Ann Divers rents these items for $80.

   D) Course fees to Project DEEP do not cover expenses to go on the open water weekend ie. transportation, housing, food, airfills, or the required above mentioned items (mask, fins, snorkel, wetsuit boots, text, wetsuit and tank rental).

   E) In the unlikely event that you should need to disenroll from the course, monies are refundable on a prorated basis. $20.00 of both the $175.00 fee and $100.00 fee is non-refundable as this covers registration. In addition, scheduling changes for open water weekends with less that two weeks notice will incur an extra $80.00 forfeiture.

   D) Because of rigid NAUI and Project DEEP standards, attendance is required at all classes. No absences are permitted. A minimum of 10 class meetings is required. A minimum score of 85% on the final is required for certification. Your instructor reserves final authority on certification. A safe ATTITUDE is of primary importance in determining your certification.