Learn to Scuba Dive!
Earn Credit!

NRC 120 SCUBA

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 week of diving in the ocean, leading to NAUI Scuba Diver Certification, is scheduled over Spring Break.

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

2. Meeting:
   a. SCUBA classes start 1/25/2022. You must attend the night you are enrolled in. Individual classes are held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Bring a bathing suit and a towel. Class starts at promptly at 7 PM at the Curry Hicks Pool, students must be fully prepared to start by this time. The course number is NRC 120 to enroll and receive credit.
   b. Holidays and UMass schedule change days are not typically observed. Concerns should be addressed with your instructor well in advance of these days.
   c. Bring a bathing suit and a towel every night, INCLUDING the first night.

3. General Information:
   a. Project DEEP is a nonprofit agency that offers SCUBA courses at UMass.
   b. The certifying agency for the course is NAUI (National Association of Underwater Instructors).

4. General Conditions:
   a. Course fees are broken down as follows:
      i. Pool and classroom instruction, paid to Project DEEP by the 3rd class meeting - $200.00
      ii. Optional Open Water Instruction and certification card, paid to Project DEEP by the 4th class meeting - $250.00.
         (Students taking a referral need to have their open water instructor issue them a Certification Card.)
         (Project DEEP does not participate in the “Universal Referral Program”.)
      iii. Make checks or money orders payable to Project DEEP. (Returned check fee - $25.00)
   b. Students must supply their 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 just before the second-class meeting, for an estimated cost of $175 and up.
   c. The optional open water trip will be held in Key Largo, Florida. If you’d like to receive an advanced certification, along with an additional credit, you can sign up for NRC121 – Warm Water Advanced. Course fees to Project DEEP do not cover expenses and incidentals to go on the optional open water portion of the class (personal gear, transportation, lunches/dinners, misc. expenses, etc.).
   d. In the unlikely event that you should need to disenroll from the course, monies are refundable on a prorated basis. $25.00 of the classroom fee is non-refundable. In addition, scheduling changes for the Spring Break open water trip with less than two weeks’ notice will incur an extra $100.00 forfeiture.
   e. 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.

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(Medical Note: asthma, epilepsy, insulin-dependent diabetes, emotional/mental health problems and/or other medical concerns may prevent you from participating in scuba. Please consult Professor DeGenza for any questions/concerns.)