The College of William and Mary, Department of Kinesiology, Scuba Course Syllabus
Please Read Now Before Orientation

Spring 2013 – Scuba Instructional Program (KINE 122-01), CRN # 20585

Semester: Accelerated Class Format -- Includes one Orientation Session and two full days (one weekend) for Academic and Pool Instruction

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The W&M, PADI Scuba Course Lab Fee is ($295): The College will bill your account. The Lab Fee covers the following for the Academic & Pool Sessions only:
- PADI Textbook, Logbook, How to Use and Choose Dive Computers text, & DVD*
- All Instructor Fees for Pool Training and Academics
- Shorty Wet Suit (if needed for pool)
- Mask, Fins, Snorkel, Weights & Weight Belt
- Regulator w/Alternate Air Source & Gauge Console
- Buoyancy Compensating Device (BCD) with low pressure inflator
- Scuba Tanks and Air Fills

CLASS SCHEDULE (Accelerated Format:)
Orientation Night – (Course Orientation Night)
Wed., January 16th or Tues., January 22nd (Alternate date) 7:00PM – 8:50PM (Small 110)

Requirement: All Students MUST ATTEND one Orientation to participate in class. You cannot attend the class without going through an orientation and getting your books & DVD in time to prepare (6-7 hours) for class. Contact the instructor (Jim McNeal) immediately if unable to attend a scheduled orientation. BRING CREDIT/DEBIT CARD TO ORIENTATION for DVD* security deposit.

Academics & Pool Skills - Students must sign up (until full) for ONE of the following three academic and pool options and must attend both days**:

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<th>February 2 &amp; 3 OR February 16 &amp; 17 OR March 16 &amp; 17</th>
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<td>Saturday &amp; Sunday 8:00AM – Noon (Academics, Small 110)</td>
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<td>1:00PM - 5:00PM (Pool Skills, Adair Pool)</td>
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**BE PREPARED TO SIGN UP FOR A SPECIFIC WEEKEND OF CLASS DURING ORIENTATION. I would recommend that you have an alternate date in case your preferred week is already full. Students needing a specific weekend should attend the first orientation session. We can teach only 35 students per weekend.
OPTIONAL OPEN WATER DIVES
(required for PADI Certification)
The College of William and Mary scuba course does not include Open Water Dives which are required for PADI Open Water Certification. These Open Water dives are totally separate from the W&M Course and do not affect the student’s grade. However, students wishing to obtain PADI Open Water Certification will need to complete four optional Open Water dives.

Open Water Dives for PADI Certification - Must attend both days of ONE weekend, 8-5 at Lake Rawlings (2 hrs. from Williamsburg): April 6 & 7; April 13 & 14; April 20 & 21

OR
at the Florida Springs, Crystal River, Florida: February 8, 9, & 10
OR
at Key Largo, Florida: March 2 – 10 (Spring Break)

Optional Open Water Dive Fees:

LAKE RAWLINGS
The Open Water Fee of $150 covers the following for the 4 Open Water Dives at Lake Rawlings:
- Instructor Fees
- Scuba Park Fees at Lake Rawlings Scuba Park
- All Rental Equipment required for Weekend Open Water Dives**
- PADI certification fee

FLORIDA SPRINGS, CRYSTAL RIVER, FLORIDA (Must attend Feb. 2 & 3 class)
The Open Water Fee of $700 also includes:
- Round trip van transportation from The Dive Shop
- 2 nights’ motel accommodations dbl occ.
- 1 morning snorkeling with Manatees at Crystal River (Manatees are usually there but can not be guaranteed)
Entry Fees to Ginnie Springs, Devil’s Den, and Blue Grotto

KEY LARGO, FLORIDA
The Open Water Fee of $1,100 also includes: 5 two tank dives & 1 night dive in Key Largo
- 1 two tank dive on the wreck of the Vandenberg in Key West
- Housing
- Van Transportation is available for an extra fee of $100

* DVD’s are loaned to the student and are to be returned to The Dive shop at the end of the academic sessions. Late fees will apply.
** Use of the rental equipment provided for the Open Water dives is for one weekend only. Late fees will apply.
A $50 rescheduling fee will be charged for any changes made within 48 hours of the dive weekend. Open Water trip fees are not refundable.
The Dive Shop provides the following personal equipment for use during the scuba class. However, special student discounts prices are available for students who wish to purchase their own equipment.

- Mask, Fins & Snorkel

**Special student discount package prices** for the above personal equipment is available at The Dive Shop for students that wish to purchase their own personal equipment. Students that purchase a package of Mask, Fins, and Snorkel will receive $50 off the package. Sample equipment will be available during the Orientation for those who wish to purchase their own gear. We will fit each student after Orientation to ensure a proper fit. Proper fit is essential in learning and enjoying scuba diving. The Dive Shop guarantees the proper fit of equipment they sell. Any equipment that does not fit properly can and should be returned for a replacement. It is important to us that you are happy and comfortable with your equipment.

**Course Description, Goals and Requirements:**

The College of William & Mary Open Water Scuba course consists of a combination of academics and pool skills. Prior to class, the student needs to read the textbook, watch the DVD & complete the knowledge reviews at the end of each Chapter. The student also needs to complete the “student information folder” and based on medical history, may require a physicians approval prior to participation in the pool sessions. The student must attend and satisfactorily complete ALL sessions (academic and pool) to complete the course for a passing grade.

**Optional Open Water Dives**

Upon satisfactory completion of the Academics and Pool portion of the scuba course students may sign up for the four **Optional Open Water Scuba Certification** dives. Upon successful completion of the four open water dives, the student will be PADI certified to dive to depths up to 60 feet under good conditions without additional supervision.

Following the completion of the lecture and confined water (pool) portion of your Open Water Scuba Course, **you will need to reserve the following equipment from The Dive Shop.** The optional Open Water Fee ($150) covers the Rental Fee for this equipment for the 4 Open Water Scuba Dives that are required for PADI Scuba Certification:

- Regulator w/alternate air source, computer console with compass
- Buoyancy Compensator
- Wet Suit, Scuba Tank, & Weights

The above equipment is included with the Optional Open Water Dive Fee, or can be purchased at the Student Discount at The Dive Shop. We recommend that students apply their money towards the purchase of their own equipment. We believe the benefits of learning to dive using your own equipment are so important that we offer substantial discounts to our students.

Students who purchase their own scuba equipment during the course have the advantage of using the same equipment at each pool session and open water dive under the direct
supervision of their instructor. Thereby students become more confident and familiar with their own equipment. Since this equipment is needed for every future dive trip, we have found that students who purchase their own equipment become more active and competent divers. And, they are able to apply their money toward dive trips rather than rental fees.

If the student purchases scuba package (regulator, BCD & computer console) from The Dive shop prior to the Open Water Dives, a $100 store credit will be applied to that purchase.

**Evaluation and Assessment Explanation:**
This course is a Pass/Fail course. Students will be required to satisfactorily complete homework sections at the end of each chapter in the textbook, quizzes and a final exam to pass the course. 40% of the grade is based on quizzes, 50% is based on final written exam and 10% is based on pool participation. Student must also satisfactorily complete required pool skills for class grade. Although not required for the course grade, students must also complete 4 Open Water Scuba Dives for PADI Certification.

**Policies:**
The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires The College of William and Mary to provide a reasonable accommodation to any individual who advises us of a physical or mental disability. Due to the accelerated format of this class, if you have a physical or mental limitation that requires an accommodation or an academic adjustment, please arrange a meeting with me prior to the class.

**Religious Holiday Policy:**
It is the policy of The College of William and Mary to accord students, on an individual basis, the opportunity to observe their traditional religious holidays. Due to the accelerated format of this class, students desiring to observe a religious holiday of special importance must provide advance written notification to each instructor prior to the class or at Orientation. Missed sessions will need to be made up at The Dive Shop at a later date.

**The College of William and Mary Honor System:**
Students are responsible for refraining from committing any act of cheating, plagiarizing, facilitating academic dishonesty, abusing academic materials, or soliciting others to engage in any of these acts.

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To obtain additional information on this William & Mary Scuba Class please contact the following:
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