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Introduction

The PADI Open Water Diver Class is divided into three parts: Classroom, Confined Water and Four actual Open Water Dives with a qualified PADI instructor. Each part is fun and ensures that you learn what you need to enjoy diving to the fullest.

A complete modular program of classroom, pool sessions will train you to have fun while being safe. You will become comfortable entering the underwater world.

The class will take you through the classroom portion and confined water (pool) sessions. After completing the course you will receive college credit. Completing this class for college credit will not entitle the student to a complete PADI certification. It will, however, take the student to the point of the open water check-out dives which are required by PADI for certification. This trip will be scheduled for a date after school has ended. The trip will be optional. Cost for this trip will be determined at a later date.

Materials

Classroom

- (a) Textbook
- (b) Dive Tables
- (c) Writing materials

Note: Textbook will be purchased from the instructor.

Pool

- (a) Bathing Suit
- (b) T-shirt
- (c) Towel
- (d) Dry clothing
- (e) Mask, Fins, Snorkel
- (f) Swim goggles suggested but not required.

Grading overview as follows:

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| 1) Homework | 2%x5=10% |
| 2) Quizzes | 5%x4=20% |
| 3) Pool Skills | 30% |
| 4) Final | 40% |

Students must make a score of 75% or better on all quizzes and exams. If a score is less than 75% on a quiz then a make-up quiz or exam will be allowed. Note that the first grade will be entered as your grade for the quiz or exam. However, PADI requires a passing grade on all quizzes and finals before a referral letter or open water check-out can be given to the student.

**SUGGESTED EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR
ASSIGNING LETTER GRADES TO DIVING SKILLS**

<u>LETTER GRADE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INTERPRETATION</u>
A	Excellent	This denotes a skill performance done so well that it could be used for demonstration purposes. It must be done in a very calm, controlled and fluid manner without any problems or difficulties. Anxiety level is low
B	Good	This denotes a skill done with a high degree of competence and Control with a low anxiety level. It should appear natural, though it does not have the same control, fluidity as an "A" letter grade.
C	Average	A performance with no significant problems observed, though it lacks the polished, natural look of a "B" letter grade.
D	Below Average	This denotes a skill, which even though successfully completed, demonstrated significant problems / errors. It may have required repeated attempts, and the anxiety level is usually though not necessarily, high. Students receiving this score should be required to practice and repeat performance at a later time.
F	Unacceptable	This denotes the inability to complete the skill, or performance so poor that competence cannot be inferred. Students receiving this score should be required to practice and repeat performance at a later time.

ATTENDANCE

Each absence will result in a two point penalty from final grade, regardless of the reason. No excused absences.

READING ASSIGNMENTS

September 1	Pay for class and pick up text books.
September 8	Module One and complete Knowledge Reviews to be turned in.
September 29	Module Two and complete Knowledge Reviews to be turned in.
October 13	Module Three and complete Knowledge Reviews to be turned in.
October 27	Module Four and complete Knowledge Reviews to be turned in.
November 10	Module Five and complete Knowledge Reviews to be turned in. Module five is a review class. There will be no quiz for this class.
December 1	<u>Final Exam</u> / Classroom. All test will be graded and reviewed same night.

POOL SESSIONS

- September 15 First pool session. Will need Mask, Fins, Snorkel and Booties which are required for class. We will be swimming 200 yards , Treading water for Ten minutes and learning proper snorkeling and proper weighting for class.
- September 22 In this session we will be using scuba gear for the first time. We will be covering water skills outlined in Module One of the text and video.
- October 6 In this session we will cover water skills outlined in Module Two of the text and video.
- October 20 In this session we will cover water skills outlined in Module Three of the text and video.
- November 3 In this session we will cover water skills outlined in Module Four of the text and video.
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- November 17 **Pool Final** , Skills required will be as follows: Mask removal and replacement, Regulator recovery and clear, Free flow breathing, Alternate air source use with buddy, Emergency ascent.

Class will be divided into two groups for pool sessions. These groups will meet at different times. Times will be as followed :

Group (A) Will meet from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in pool area on September 22nd
Group (B) Will meet from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in pool area on September 22nd

Group (B) Will meet from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in pool area on October 6th
Group (A) Will meet from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in pool area on October 6th

Group (A) Will meet from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in pool area on October 20th
Group (B) Will meet from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in pool area on October 20th

Group (B) Will meet from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in pool area on November 3^{ed}
Group (A) Will meet from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in pool area on November 3^{ed}

Group (A) Will meet from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in pool area on November 17th for Pool Final
Group (B) Will meet from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in pool area on November 17th for Pool Final

Note: Pool sessions could run until 9:30pm.

Special Note: Anyone needing help with any pool skills or classrooms work please feel free to contact me at 770-918-8818 or ultadv@mindspring.com . I will do everything I can to work you into a special pool session or classroom if need be to get your skills up to the level required to pass. Web Page www.divingadventure.com