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# COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

## Department of Human Movement Sciences

### Sport and Recreation Office

**Fall 2010**

**Course Number, Title, and Credit Hours:**

Spt & Rec 289, Underwater Photography, 1 credit

**Special Course fee:** \$125 fee (Includes Equipment Rental for one weekend & PADI Cert.)

**Location:** Aquatic Adventures, Inc.  
13830 W. Greenfield Ave.  
Brookfield, WI 53005  
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**Section Number and Day/Time:** Lec 105, M 7:00pm-9:00pm (09/13/10-10/18/10)

**Instructor:** Kimberly Filkins

**Email and/or Phone Number:** kfilkins@dive-aai.com

**Additional Contact:** If you are unable to reach the instructor, contact the Sport & Rec Office at 414-227-3123 or email [chs-outreach@uwm.edu](mailto:chs-outreach@uwm.edu)

**Description of course objectives:** Students will learn camera assembly and maintenance as well as basic digital underwater photography techniques. In addition, they will learn about digital file formats, resolution, exposure, composition, underwater lighting, and more. Students will attend classroom sessions on digital photography theory, composition, techniques, and two photo dives.

**Pre-requisite(s):** Ability to snorkel.

**Required and Recommended Readings (with full citations, i.e. author, date, title, and publisher):** PADI Digital Underwater Photographer Manuel (part of PADI Digital Underwater Photo Pak). This manual will be available for purchase at your first class meeting. Prices for this manual are established by PADI Americas. Call Aquatic Adventures for the current price.

**Source of each reading, if not a textbook to be purchased at the Bookstore:** PADI Digital Underwater Photographer Manuel (part of PADI Digital Underwater Photo Pak). This manual will be available for purchase at your first class meeting. Prices for this manual are established by PADI Americas. Call Aquatic Adventures for the current price.

**Required and Recommended Equipment/Material(s):** PADI white balance slate (included in PADI Digital Underwater Photo Pak)

PADI requires the following equipment for Scuba divers:

Mask, fins, snorkel, appropriate exposure protection, dive knife/tool, scuba tank, buoyancy control device with low-pressure inflator, weight system, regulator, alternate air source, submersible pressure gauge, depth gauge, timing device and/or dive computer, compass and Recreational Dive Planner.

\*Important: PADI instructors have the right to deny any student diver the right to participate in an Adventure Dive if that student does not have proper scuba equipment.

Mask, fins, snorkel, and boots are available for rental from Aquatic Adventures if the student does not own them. Life support equipment is provided free of charge for one weekend. See policies below for care, return, and additional rental policies.

**Entrance to Klotsche/Pavilion (if applicable):** Students must have their student ID card for entrance.

**Special out-of-class assignments (computers, software, fieldtrips etc.):**

1 confined water dive (required)

1 open water dive (optional)

**Tips for successful participation in class:** Active participation in classroom sessions (PADI digital Underwater photographer Level I & Level II), complete (2) knowledge reviews (level I & II) and complete (1) confined water dive. There is an optional open water dive for scuba certified students (Level II).

**Grading Policies (including the weight given to each graded component):**

Grading is based on the following:

- Attendance in class and successful completion of (2) knowledge reviews = 2/3 of grade
- Successful completion of (1) confined water dive = 1/3 of grade

**Grading Scale:**

A	95.00 – 100.00
A-	94.99 – 93.00
B+	92.99 – 90.00
B	89.99 – 87.00
B-	86.99 – 85.00
C+	84.99 – 82.00
C	81.99 – 79.00
C-	78.99 – 77.00
D+	76.99 – 74.00
D	73.99 – 71.00
D-	70.00
F	Less than 70.00

## Schedule:

- *Monday, September 13th 2010:* Orientation and paperwork completion. Introduction to photo equipment.
- *Monday, September 20th 2010:* Knowledge Development Session 1: Camera assembly and preparation. Read Section One in the Digital Underwater Photographer Manual and complete Knowledge Review Level One before Class.
- *Monday, September 27th 2010:* Knowledge Development Session 2: Digital basics and composition. Read pages 35-57 in the Digital Underwater Photographer Manual.
- *Monday, October 4th 2010: Klotsche Center.* Level One confined water skin dive or scuba dive: Basic composition and white balancing.
- *Saturday, October 9th: Pearl Lake, South Beloit, IL, (Optional) open water dive for level II dive certification.* An entry fee will be collected each day by Pearl Lake Club. Full scuba gear is required, but students should not don weight belts or weight systems unless instructed to do so.
- *Monday, October 11th 2010:* Knowledge Development Session 3: Working with strobes and digital workflow. Read pages 58-84 in Digital Underwater Photographer Manual and complete Knowledge Review Level Two before class.
- *Monday, October 18th 2010:* Knowledge Development Session 4: Underwater photo assessment.

The above schedule may change due to time constraints.

## Assignment Policies:

**UWM RENTAL POLICY:** Students will be issued life support equipment for open water dives. There is no charge for using this equipment, provided the student completes all dives in one weekend. Normal rental fees will apply to any additional days needed to complete certification. All rented equipment may be used only by the student it is issued to and only for purposes of scuba training in this course. Use for any other purpose is strictly prohibited. Any student found in violation of this policy will be expelled from class and all course fees will be forfeited.

During the time of rental, students are responsible for the proper care of the rented gear as outlined in the *PADI Open Water Diver* manual. Students will be charged for any damage to equipment that is the result of negligence, including exposure to heat or cold. Students will also be charged for the return of equipment that has not been properly rinsed following open water training.

All rental equipment is due back to Aquatic Adventures, Inc. by 4:00 p.m. on the Sunday following open water training. Students who pick up equipment and then fail to show up for an open water training dive must return their gear by 4:00 p.m. on the next business day. Any student who fails to return gear at the appropriate time will be charged a \$65 per day late fee. No certifications or university grades will be issued to students who fail to return their gear or have outstanding balances with Aquatic Adventures, Inc. that are the result of late returns or damage due to negligence. Equipment that is not returned within 3 business days of the return date will be considered stolen and will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

**CERTIFICATION:** A certification fee is included in the course fee. This fee is non-refundable. The standard life-support equipment rental package fee is provided free of charge as a courtesy to UWM students attending open water training for one weekend. Standard rental rates will apply if the student fails to complete all open water dives during the scheduled class. Personal gear, entries fees, boat fees and any other items that are not provided in the standard Aquatic Adventures Advanced Open Water Diver course are the responsibility of all students attending open water dives.

**MISSED CERTIFICATION DIVES:** Students who fail to show up for an open water dive will need to pay an additional \$25 to reschedule for another day. This fee is non-refundable.

**UWM POLICIES AND FEES:** All University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee students are required to familiarize themselves with the schedules, policies, and fees associated with scuba training by reading through the material provided at <http://www.dive-aai.com/uwm>. Aquatic Adventures will not be responsible for any inconveniences or issues arising from students claiming to be unfamiliar with the material provided for their benefit on this website.

**Attendance requirements:** Any student who does not participate in classes cannot expect to satisfactorily complete course objectives and therefore should consider dropping the course.

**Guidelines for Wireless:** The Guidelines are on the College of Health Sciences website under the student tab. The Guidelines are the third link from the bottom. Website link: [http://www4.uwm.edu/chs/students/current\\_students/](http://www4.uwm.edu/chs/students/current_students/)

### **University Policies**

1. *H1N1 Influenza Guidance.* With Novel Influenza A (H1N1) cases continuing to occur in communities throughout Wisconsin, it is anticipated that UWM will continue to be affected by the outbreak this fall and winter. The Office of Academic Affairs will continue to monitor the situation and plan for various contingencies. Keep in mind that, per guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, if you are ill, with flu-like symptoms, you should not come to the university or any of your classes.

In the event of disruption of normal classroom activities due to an H1N1 flu outbreak, the format for this course may be modified to enable completion of the course. In that event you will be provided an addendum to this syllabus that will supersede this version.

2. *Students with disabilities.* If you will need accommodations to meet any of the requirements of this course please contact me as soon as possible. Verification of disability, class standards, the policy on the use of alternate materials and test accommodations can be found at the following:

<http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/DSAD/SAC/SACltr.pdf>

3. *Religious observances.* Policies regarding accommodations for absences due to religious observance are found at the following:

[http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/acad%2Badmin\\_policies/S1.5.htm](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/acad%2Badmin_policies/S1.5.htm)

4. *Students called to active military duty.* Accommodations for absences due to call-up of reserves to active military duty should be noted.

[http://www4.uwm.edu/current\\_students/military\\_call\\_up.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/current_students/military_call_up.cfm)

5. *Incompletes.* The conditions for awarding an incomplete to graduate and undergraduate students can be found at the following:

[http://www4.uwm.edu/secu/acad+admin\\_policies/S31.pdf](http://www4.uwm.edu/secu/acad+admin_policies/S31.pdf)

6. *Discriminatory conduct (such as sexual harassment).* Definitions of discrimination. Harassment, abuse of power, and the reporting requirements of discriminatory conduct are found at the following:

[http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/acad%2Badmin\\_policies/S47.pdf](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/acad%2Badmin_policies/S47.pdf)

7. *Academic misconduct.* Policies for addressing students cheating on exams or plagiarism can be found at the following:

<http://www4.uwm.edu/osl/dean/conduct.cfm>

8. *Class Misconduct:* Disruption of class, harassment, and any behavior considered hazardous to others may be cause for dismissal from class.

9. *Complaint procedures.* Students may direct complaints to the head of the academic unit or department in which the complaint occurs. If the complaint allegedly violates a specific university policy, it may be directed to the head of the department or academic unit in which the complaint occurred or to the appropriate university office responsible for enforcing the policy.

10. *Grade appeal procedures.* Procedures for student grade appeal appear at the following:

**[http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/acad%2Badmin\\_policies/S28.htm](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/acad%2Badmin_policies/S28.htm)**

11. *Final examination policy.* Policies regarding final examinations can be found at the following:

**[http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/acad%2Badmin\\_policies/S22.htm](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/acad%2Badmin_policies/S22.htm)**

**Assumption of Risk:**

Students are notified that this course/activity has inherent hazards, exposures, and risks, some known and some unanticipated, which could result in harm, injury (physical or mental), illness, diseases, death or damages to the student, the student's property or to other third parties or their property.

By enrolling in and continuing to participate in this course/activity, students are voluntarily agreeing to assume all of the inherent hazards, exposures, and risks associated with this course. Students must accept full responsibility for their own health and well-being by participating in this activity. Students must also accept full responsibility for third parties whose health and well-being are affected by the students' participation in this course/activity.

Students are also notified that UWM does not provide any accident or health insurance to cover participation in the course/activity, and that students are responsible to provide their own such insurance.

Students will be required to sign a separate Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Release form for this course/activity.

Students are encouraged to review the Department of Human Movement Sciences Undergraduate Student Policies Handbook, which is available in Enderis 411 or on the web at [http://www4.uwm.edu/chs/pdf/HMS\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www4.uwm.edu/chs/pdf/HMS_Handbook.pdf). This Handbook offers students information regarding admission requirements, University policy regarding classroom accommodation, harassment, complaint procedures, and grade and grievance procedures.