

SCUBA at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell Recreation

Open Water SCUBA Diver Course Description:

The Open Water SCUBA diver course is your entry into the underwater world. Imagine being able to float effortlessly over the world under the seas, watch aquatic animals in their natural environment, swim with the fish, catch your own lobster, and so much more. This course will teach you the skills necessary to begin to explore this beautiful and interesting part of our world, the last frontier on earth. After successfully completing this course you will be certified to SCUBA dive in conditions similar to our training dives, and well prepared to continue your dive training through a variety of advanced and specialty courses.

Prerequisites:

- Be in good health.
- Be able to swim 200m without stopping and tread water for 10 minutes.
- Be 18 years old or have consent of parent / guardian(s).

Scheduling:

This course consists of on-line lessons, interactive classroom lessons, pool sessions and open water SCUBA diving. The typical training time less travel to the dive sites is 20 hours. Course meetings will consist of:

- three 2 hour interactive lesson and equipment sessions
- three 2 hour pool sessions (a fourth pool session may be scheduled)
- 4 open water SCUBA dives (plan for two 6+ hour days of diving, including travel). Dives are usually scheduled for a consecutive Saturday and Sunday and are lots of fun.

Required Equipment and Cost:

- Students must provide their own mask, snorkel, open foot fins, and booties. These typically cost \$200-\$300 to purchase. Alternatively, rental may be available for the duration of the course for \$40.
- SCUBA gear rental for two days of certification dives at a special student rate of \$80.00, or purchase it and be ready to dive right away after certification. A 10% discount is available for equipment purchases through a local dive shop.

Course Fees:

- Materials, registration, certification fees. Included
- Course Fee: \$390 course fee.

Class Size:

2 to 8 students