

Fall 2026

Scuba 3 - Dive Leaders Class (PHED 1700-02)

Wednesdays 6:00pm -8:00pm

Pool Sessions: TBD

Adventure Sports, 747 E Glenn Ave. 334-887-8005

Class ORIENTATION on August 26th at 6:00 PM at the shop!

****all classes will meet on Wednesday's at 747 E Glenn Ave at 6:00 pm****

****The ASI Scuba Leaders Course provides a complete knowledge base for divers who wish to become Professional SSI Dive Masters. Leadership opportunities include leading tours and trips, working on dive boats, and assisting SSI Instructors with Open Water courses. This course allows you to complete all the course and academic work required for you to be able to work to gain the experience necessary to earn certification as an SSI Professional Dive Leader. ****

Prerequisites:

- 18 years of age
- Current medical form complete
- 40 dives logged with a minimum of 25 hours
- An Advanced Open Water certification or higher with certifications in Stress & Rescue, Navigation, Night/Limited Visibility, and Deep Diving.
- Current CPR and First Aid
- Current 02 administrator

Classroom: 20-24 hours

Classroom sessions will be 1 day a week (Wednesday's) at Adventure Sports.

Course material will cover:

- Becoming a SSI Dive Guide
- Science of Diving Specialty Course
- Equipment Techniques and Wreck Diving Specialties

Grading Criteria

- 500 points total
- 5 section review homework: 100 (30, 30, 20, 20)
- 1 Presentation: 100
- 4 exams: 300 (100, 100, 50, 50)
- Attendance Policy Points (+/-)

Attendance Policy:

- **Attendance** at ALL lectures is **REQUIRED**. Every absence after the first will result in a total point reduction of 25 points. 25 points will be added to the total grade points for perfect attendance. **No exceptions without a university-approved excuse.**
- If a test is missed (tests are taken after the last lecture for that specialty), a **VALID** university excuse is required, and you will have until the end of the week to make it up.

Fall 2026 Dive Schedule

Vortex Springs:

****required****

Date: October 30th

Dive guide presentation and assisting with Open Water Diver students

One of two Lake Martin days:

****schedule dependent****

Dates: October 27th and October 28th

Assist with the Open Water Diver students

Panama City Night Boat:

****required****

Cost: \$200

Date: October 31st

*Safety diving for the Advanced Open Water Diver class**

Panama City Sunday Offshore Boat:

****required****

Cost: \$250

Date: November 1st

Safety / guided diving for the Advanced Open Water Diver class, this is a 6-hour boat so prepare for that. Leaves at 8:00 am.

Panama City Day Dives:

****optional****

Cost: \$200 per boat

Date: October 31st

Boat times: 7 am or 11 am

**Up the dive count (fun dives which I recommend) OR assist instructors with open water students.

BIGGER DIVE OPPURTUNITIES:

Cozumel Mexico (December): \$1,799 (Dec 12-16, 2026 Full week option available)

Cozumel, Mexico (Spring Break): Prices to come

Roatan, Honduras: \$3299

Session Review Homework:

Session review questions must be completed by the Wednesday of that section's test by 6pm. 10pts are deducted for each week late.

Pool Sessions

There will be at least 1 to 2 pool sessions throughout the duration of this course. All pool sessions will be held at James E Martin Aquatics Center on campus. Please be there at 5:45 to get gear set up to be in the water at 6:00 pm.

Open Water Work

You will be required to attend, Vortex Springs Weekend, Vortex Springs single day, and Panama City. Trips such as Lake Martin and PCB day dives are optional.

Equipment:

Each student must provide all personal and SCUBA gear. The following is also required:

- Regulators with octopus
- BC with power inflator
- Depth and Pressure Gauge (preferably a computer)*****
- SSI Dive Professional tools: Timing Device or Dive Computer, Surface Signaling Device, Dive Tool or Knife, Compass, Snorkel, and Deployable SMB

Gear Rental Fee:

SCUBA equipment rental is available through Adventure Sports. A package price, which includes BC, regulator setup with gauges and octopus, and a wetsuit is available for \$75. This fee will cover the use of this equipment throughout the entire course.

**since this is a professional course, you should be looking into purchasing your own gear or already have your own gear. **

Certifications:

- In addition to passing the course with a minimum test score of 90 on each of the 4 tests and completing necessary dives for specialty training, trainee must display good leadership behaviors, as well as a strong command of all basic scuba skills and specialty diving techniques.

*****THIS COURSE DOES NOT GUARANTEE CERTIFICATION IN ANY OF THE SSI DIVE LEADER LEVELS!**

ALL DIVE MASTERS ASSISTING CLASSES MUST USE GEAR BRANDS SOLD BY ADVENTURE SPORTS!

COSTS

Lab Fee: \$649.00 –Includes all Digital materials for the specialties, lectures, tests, digital certifications and slates. (Paid to Adventure Sports Scuba. Due by Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:00 PM.)

Course Schedule

8/26	Intro and Orientation
9/2	Equipment Techniques
9/9	Dive Guide #1
9/16	Dive Guide #2
9/23	Dive Guide #3
9/30	Dive Guide Presentation / Test
10/7	NO CLASS – FALL BREAK
10/14	Risk Mitigation Video
10/21	Wreck Diving
10/27 – 10/28	Lake Martin
10/30	Vortex Springs
10/31	Panama City Boat Dives
11/1	Panama City DEEP Boat
11/4	Science Of Diving #1
11/11	Science Of Diving #2
11/18	Science Of Diving #3

****This is a dynamic schedule and is subject to change.****

There will be two pool sessions (or more on an as needed basis) for the course and two open water sessions.
We will discuss these dates during class.

Class Policy Statements

Professionalism

As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College's conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions are listed below:

- o Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices
- o Contribute to collaborative learning communities
- o Demonstrate a commitment to diversity
- o Model and nurture intellectual vitality

Physical Activity and Wellness Program Attendance Policy

The material and experiences in this class are important and if you are not in class, you cannot take an active role as a student. Class attendance and appropriate participation is paramount to your success as a student. Participation is defined as, but not limited to, "fully engaging in the course content and activities at a level that is deemed appropriate by the instructor." Failure to appropriately participate in the course content and activities can result in a deduction of points from a student's overall course grade at the discretion of the instructor. Moreover, at the discretion of the instructor, students arriving tardy to class will lose 1% of their final grade per offense. Unexcused absences cannot be made up and will result in a 3% deduction from the student's final grade per absence. **Once a student has accrued five (5) unexcused absences he/she will not be permitted to take the final examination and will receive a grade of FA (as stipulated by the Physical Activity and Wellness Program guidelines). Moreover, students who accrue eight (8) absences (excused, unexcused and/or combination of each type) will not be permitted to take the final examination and will receive a grade of FA.**

Excused absences will be treated as follows:

- a. Students must provide the instructor with a valid excuse upon returning to class (refer to Auburn University's policy concerning class attendance and excused/unexcused absences); and
- b. Make-up work developed and assigned at the discretion of the instructor must be completed within a week of the student returning to class.

If the student fails to follow these instructions the excused absence in question will be calculated as an unexcused absence. There are times when unforeseen circumstances will not allow you to attend class. Exceptions to this policy due to extreme circumstances are only permitted with the professor's timely knowledge and approval. Arrangements to make up missed assignments and examinations due to properly authorized excused absences shall be initiated by the student within a week of the excused absence as mandated by Auburn University. Again, the format of any make-up work/assignments will be at the instructor's discretion. Finally, the instructor will address all issues concerning absences at his/her discretion. Students are encouraged to refer to Auburn University's policies concerning attendance, absences, academic honesty, and make-up work as found in the Auburn Bulletin.

AU BULLETIN EXCUSED ABSENCE POLICY

"Arrangement to make up missed major examinations (e.g. hour exams, midterm exams) due to properly authorized excused absences (as defined by the Student Policy eHandbook) shall be initiated by the student within one week from the end of the period of the excused absence. Normally, a make-up exam shall occur within two weeks from the time that the student initiates arrangements for it... Instructors are expected to excuse absences for:

- a. Illness of the student or serious illness of a member of the student's immediate family. **The instructor may request appropriate verification.**
- b. The death of a member of the student's immediate family. **The instructor may request appropriate verification.**
- c. Trips for members of the student organizations sponsored by an academic unit, trips for University classes, and trips for participation in intercollegiate athletic events. When feasible, the student must notify the instructor prior to such absences, but in no case more than one week after the absence. **Instructors may request formal notification from appropriate University personnel to document the student's participation in such trips.**
- d. Religious holidays. Students are responsible for notifying the instructor in writing of anticipated absences due to their observance of such holidays.
- e. Subpoena for court appearance. **The instructor may request appropriate verification.**

Academic Honesty Policy: All portions of the Auburn University student academic honesty code (Title XII) found in the Student Policy eHandbook will apply to university courses. All academic honesty violations or alleged violations of the SGA Code of Laws will be reported to the Office of the Provost, which will then refer the case to the Academic Honesty Committee.

Disability Accommodations: Students who need accommodations are asked to electronically submit their approved accommodations through AU Access and to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours, an alternate time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me by e-mail. If you have not established accommodations through the Office of Accessibility, but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Office of Accessibility, 1228 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).

Course contingency: *This is a dynamic Syllabus and is subject to change*****

If normal class and/or lab activities are disrupted due to illness, emergency, or crisis situation, the syllabus and other course plans and assignments may be modified to allow completion of the course. If this occurs, an addendum to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original materials.

Course Evaluations: Evaluations are required by the university for all of AU courses and must be completed.