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**Fall 2026
Open Water I
University Class- PHED 1760
Lecture 1: August 18th, 2026 at 4:00 OR 5:00 PM**

Lecture: Tuesday 4:00-4:50 pm or 5:00-5:50 pm

Pool Session (options and start dates):

Tuesday, August 25th : 1:00-3:00 pm

Wednesday, August 26th: 1:00-3:00 pm

Thursday, August 27th: 1:00-3:00 pm

Sunday: September 13th: 6:00-8:30 pm

****Note: Pool sessions will take the entire duration of the lab time****

Instructor: Wade Lloyd

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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About the course: This is an entry-level course designed to learn about scuba and earn Open Water certification. **SSI Open Water Diver certification** cards are recognized throughout the world. They entitle you to dive for a lifetime with other certified divers. It also enables you to purchase/rent equipment and obtain air fills anywhere you choose to dive.

CLASSWORK: PHED 1760 offers 2 hours of University Credit. Each week, the students are required to attend one lecture session that meets in the Old Student Activity Center and one pool session that meets at the University Aquatics Center (times listed above). There will be two exams plus a final exam. There will be required online homework and review questions that follow the progression of the class. Homework completion will be monitored by the instructor.

Your attendance at the pool and a Freshwater Lab is required to pass this class.

LAB FEE: Most of the homework for this course will be done digitally through your SSI account. For us to turn on the "Open Water Diver" Course book online, the \$325 lab fee must be paid to Adventure Sports. The lab fee also covers the major equipment provided by us (BC, regulator, tanks and a wetsuit). **If your lab fee is not paid, then homework cannot be done, therefore, resulting in a 0.**

EQUIPMENT: It is **required** for all students to purchase their own **personal gear**. Personal gear includes **mask, fins, snorkel, booties, weight belt**, and **weight** (all can be purchased here at Adventure Sports). All gear purchased from us can be exchanged for full trade-in value at any time during the class if you have any problems with quality or fit. Purchasing quality gear is crucial to your success and enjoyment of scuba diving! Personal gear purchases from Adventure Sports will be around \$375-\$500. As part of the \$325 lab fee, we provide all the

major equipment you will need for the class which includes: regulators, buoyancy compensators, wetsuits, and tanks.

GRADING CRITERIA: Your final letter grade will be determined on a total point (900) basis. Borderline grades will receive consideration based on participation. **Your grade will automatically be a 0 if the lab fee is not paid!**

Create SSI online profile by September 4th:	100	Must upload photo/address to profile
Homework:	100	(3 Homework Sections and Deco Worksheet)
Exams:	300	(Test 1, Test 2, Final, 100 points each)
Pool Lab:	300	(100 <i>skill points</i> and 200 <i>attendance points</i>)
Fresh Water Lab:	100	(Vortex/Lake Martin)
Total points:	900	

****Students shall not receive credit for homework turned in after the due dates****

ATTENDANCE POLICY: There is a **MANDATORY attendance policy for the pool lab sessions.** The optional dive trips can count towards missed lab totals, at the instructor's discretion. If you do miss a lab, you will be required to make up the lab and skills taught on the day of absence.

TEST MAKE-UP: Test make-up will only be granted to students with **PROPER University-approved excuses.** Students with approved excuses have **until the end of the exam week (before 5:00 pm that Friday) to make up an exam.**

CERTIFICATION TRIPS ARE OUTLINED BELOW:

Lake Martin: This is an introduction to the open water. The dives are made at Anchor Bay Marina at Lake Martin located approximately 45 minutes northwest of Auburn. While at Lake Martin, you will make one snorkel dive and two SCUBA skills dives. The trip is one day and takes about four hours. You may substitute a day at Vortex Springs in place of the lake.

Vortex Spring/Panama City: We will do 2 dives in Vortex Spring on Friday afternoon. On Saturday, dives are made in Panama City Beach. There will be a morning boat and a midday boat, and each consists of two dives. Each boat will take four hours and is set up for you to receive an Open Water I certification. We **require** at least one day at the lake and Springs before diving at Panama City.

Panama City Night Boat: The night boat in Panama City is completely optional for those who would like to gain more experience in the water. This boat will have an additional cost and will more than likely get back around 9:00 PM on that Saturday night (requiring students to stay the night in PCB). Students who choose to sign up for the night boat will dive with an instructor. We require all students who would like to do the night dive to also do an AM dive in Panama City.

Cozumel/The Bahamas: Optional bigger trips. Dates and prices are listed below. These are both options to get certified as well if you would like to choose something more tropical. Let me know if you would like more information.

For more information, please call Adventure Sports at **334-887-8005**

**** To pass the class, Lake Martin OR a single day at Vortex Springs is required****

**** To obtain a scuba diving certification, you must go to Vortex Springs Weekend and Panama City OR Lake Martin + Single Vortex day + Panama City.**

COSTS: (only lab and Lake/Vortex fees are mandatory to PASS this class)

Lab Fee	\$325	(Paid to Adventure Sports Scuba) DUE: September 4th
Lake Martin	\$65	Tuesday, October 27th or Wednesday October 28th
Vortex Springs (single day)	\$90	Friday, October 30th
Panama City Boats (FL)	\$200	Saturday, October 31st
OPTIONAL** Panama City Night Boat (FL)	\$225	Saturday, October 31st **extra \$25 for light rental
OPTIONAL** Cozumel, Mexico	\$1,799	December 12th – 16th *can receive certification on this trip*

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Date	Lecture	Homework
8/18	Orientation / Introduction	Make Online SSI Profile
8/25	Gear / Paperwork	Lab Fees and Profile with Picture Due
9/1	Intro to Physics	Online Section 1 and 2
9/8	Intro to Physiology	Online Section 1 and 2
9/15	Review for Test 1	
9/22	Test 1	Online Section 1 and 2 Due
9/29	Test 1 Review	
10/6	Dive Tables 1	<u>BE IN CLASS!</u> Deco Worksheet Online Section 3 and 4
10/13	Dive Tables 2 / Test Review	<u>BE IN CLASS!</u> Deco Worksheet Online Section 3 and 4
10/20	Test 2	Online Section 3 and 4 Due
10/27 – 10/28	LAKE MARTIN	
10/30	VORTEX SPRINGS	
10/31	PANAMA CITY BOATS	
11/3	NO CLASS	
11/10	Review for Final Exam	
11/17	Final / Sign Paperwork	Online Section 5 and 6 Due Turn in deco worksheet

Pool Sessions:

Tuesday pool sessions begin August 25th
Wednesday pool sessions begin August 26th
Thursday pool sessions begin August 27th
Sunday pool sessions begin September 13th

Class Policy Statements

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:

- 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
- 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 Tiger Cub) 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:

- Illness of the student or serious illness of a member of the student's immediate family. **The instructor may request appropriate verification.**
- The death of a member of the student's immediate family. **The instructor may request appropriate verification.**
- 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.**
- Religious holidays. Students are responsible for notifying the instructor in writing of anticipated absences due to their observance of such holidays.
- 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 *Tiger Cub* 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 special accommodations in class, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act, should arrange for a confidential meeting with the instructor during office hours in the first week of classes (or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately). The student must bring a copy of their Accommodations Letter and an Instructor Verification Form to the meeting. If the student does not have these forms, they should make an appointment with the Program for Students with Disabilities, 1288 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.