

# UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SCUBA COURSE

## SPRING SEMESTER 2025 SECTION #1 (Wednesday) - PEX #105

**INSTRUCTOR:** KEITH CHESNUT & STAFF  
**DIVE STORE:** SIERRA DIVING CENTER  
 104 E. GROVE  
 RENO, NV 89502  
 825-2147

**TEXT BOOK:** PADI DIVER MANUAL (PDM)  
 PADI ADVANCED DIVER MANUAL (PADM)

**LOCATIONS:** UNR LOMBARDI RECREATION BLDG. (LRC)  
 SAND HARBOR LAKE TAHOE (SHLT)  
 SUNNYSIDE LAKE TAHOE (SSLT)

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	MATERIAL COVERED	REQUIRED HOMEWORK/EQUIPMENT
01/22	7:30pm.	LRC	INTRODUCTION	PDM and PADM
01/29	7:30pm.	LRC	CHAPTER #1 REVIEW & QUIZ	Knowledge Review Chapter #1 & Video #1
02/05	7:30pm.	LRC	<b>POOL DIVE #1</b>	Mask, Snorkel, Fins, Boots
02/12	7:30pm.	LRC	CHAPTER #2 REVIEW & QUIZ	Knowledge Review Chapter #2, Video #2 <b>AOW Navigation &amp; Night Knowledge Reviews Due</b>
02/19	7:30pm.	LRC	<b>POOL DIVE #2</b>	Mask, Snorkel, Fins, Boots <b>&amp; Gloves</b>
02/26	7:30pm	LRC	CHAPTER #3 REVIEW & QUIZ	Knowledge Review #3, Video #3, <b>ERDP-ML Intro</b> <b>AOW Deep Knowledge Reviews Due</b>
03/05	7:30pm.	LRC	<b>POOL DIVE #3</b>	Mask, Snorkel, Fins, Boots & Gloves
03/12	7:30pm.	LRC	<b>POOL DIVE #4</b>	Mask, Snorkel, Fins, Boots & Gloves
03/19	7:30pm.	LRC	CHAPTER #4 REVIEW & QUIZ	Knowledge Review #4, Video #4, Completed ERDP-ML Practice Problems Sheet <b>AOW Peak Performance Buoyancy Knowledge Reviews Due</b>
04/02	7:30pm	LRC	CHAPTER #5 REVIEW & FINAL	Knowledge Review #5, Video #5 <b>AOW Quick Review, &amp; Altitude Knowledge Review Due</b>
04/09	7:30pm.	LRC	<b>POOL DIVE #5</b>	Mask, Snorkel, Fins, Boots & Gloves
04/12	8:30am.	SHLT	OPEN WATER DIVE #1 & #2	Mask, Snorkel, Fins, Boots, Gloves & <b>O/W Equipment</b>
04/13	8:30am.	SHLT	OPEN WATER DIVE #3 & #4	
04/16	7:30pm.	LRC	ADVANCED COURSE REVIEW	
04/19	8:30am. 7:00pm.	SHLT SHLT	ADV. OW DIVES #6, #7 ADV. OW #8	Mask, Snorkel, Fins, Boots, Gloves & O/W Equipment <b>Including Knife, Whistle, Chem Light, Timing Device, Dive Light</b>
04/20	9:00am.	HBLT	ADV. OW DIVE #9 & 10	

1. Make equipment reservations for the open water dives weekend early.
2. **Knowledge Reviews and videos watched are REQUIRED at the beginning of each class.**
3. If you have questions about class schedule or make-up session, call Keith Chesnut at 825-2147.
4. Once fees are paid they are non-refundable and subject to an additional fee to change or reschedule.

**If you plan to use equipment other than that provided with the course, you must complete a MINIMUM of 2 pool dives with it prior to the Open Water Dives.**

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR CERTIFICATION

Text Books: PADI Open Water Diver Kit with eRDP-ML - \$125.00 (Student Kit includes Open Water Log Book)  
PADI Open Water DVD – \$55.00  
PADI Advanced Diver Manual & Advanced Open Water Slate - \$70.00

Equipment: The following equipment is required for pool and openwater sessions. It may be your personal equipment, rented, borrowed or purchased. Approximate prices to purchase are:

Mask - \$45.00 to \$290.00  
Snorkel - \$12.00 - \$55.00  
Fins - \$75.00 - \$239.00  
Boots - \$45.00 - \$90.00  
Gloves - \$35.00 - \$85.00

This equipment must be of an approved type and must be checked by your Instructor before use. If you wish to rent this equipment for the course it is available from Sierra Diving Center for \$22.72 per session. The special discounted pricing for the textbooks and equipment are available only from:

**SIERRA DIVING CENTER • 104 E. GROVE ST. • RENO, NV 89502 • (775) 825-2147**

**UNR Students also receive a discount of 10% off normal non-discounted prices at Sierra Diving Center.**

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATION OPTION:**

SCUBA Certification is not included in the UNR SCUBA COURSE. PEX #105 is strictly classroom and pool exercises for credit. If you wish to become certified, you can do this as an option through outside scheduling with Sierra Diving Center and your Instructor. This will be completed concurrent with the class. Additional requirements to earn certification as a PADI Openwater Diver and PADI Advanced Openwater Diver include:

**OPEN WATER DIVES:** 4 open water dives (9 dives for Advanced) for certification(s) are required. The dives will be in Lake Tahoe. These dives are scheduled on 1 (2) weekends. There is a \$195.00 per dive weekend fee, which covers training, certification and Certification Card costs. This fee is payable before each dive weekend. If the dives must be completed at a later date or location, there will be a \$50.00 transfer/referral fee.

**EQUIPMENT FOR THE OPEN WATER DIVES:** The equipment for the open water dives may be rented at a special discounted student rate of \$35.00 per day from Sierra Diving Center and includes all necessary equipment except that listed above. **If you plan to use equipment other than that provided with the course, you must complete a MINIMUM of 2 pool dives with it prior to the Open Water Dives.**

### **UNIVERSITY SCUBA COURSE COST BREAKDOWN**

Text Books & Video: \$270.68 for Open Water and Advanced (includes tax)  
Req. Equipment: \$204.48 to rent, or \$185.00 - up to purchase  
Open Water Training Fees: \$195.00 or (\$390.00 for Open Water **and** Advanced)  
Open Water Equipment Rental Fees: \$75.46 or (\$159.01 for Open Water **and** Advanced) (includes tax)

Remember, these expenses are spread over 13 weeks of the semester. Open water fees and rental will be payable before that session.

**All classes and dives are as scheduled. All sections and dives must be completed in sequence to earn certification. Makeup sessions will require additional fees. Pool dive make-ups can cost as much as \$200.00 per hour for pool rental.**

If you must miss a class session, pool dive, or an open water dive or have any questions please contact Keith Chesnut at 825-2147 in advance, if possible, to arrange any makeups.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Use basic competencies, knowledge, and skills needed to Scuba Dive in different aquatic settings.
2. Identify the importance of safety in their Scuba Diving practice.

### **Grading:**

This is a pass or fail course. "S" or "U" grades will be given (Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory). \*\*\*Please keep in mind that passing this class very much depends on the act of regularly attending and participating.

## Course Requirements:

- Attendance is required. There will be a sign in sheet at the beginning of every class that students must sign each day they are present. The sign in sheet is removed after 10 minutes and no more sign-ins are permitted. Students who sign in and leave (or leave early) are not counted and received an absence. **If students exceed THREE (3) unexcused absences during the semester, they will receive a “Not Satisfactory”.** Excused absences include school-sponsored functions when part of your academic courses, and physician approved medical reasons. There are no make-ups for missed classes.
- Proper exercise clothing and close-toed shoes are required. **Street clothes are not allowed in the fitness center.** If you arrive in street clothes or open toed shoes, you will not be allowed to participate and it will count as an unexcused absence.
- Students are required to swipe their UNR ID at the desk at either end of the Wiegand building. Failing to swipe ID may result in student being denied access to the facility. **This counts as an absence.** This is enforceable under the University Nevada Reno Regulations Subsections A: “Failure of student to present proper credentials, such as student identification card, driver’s license or parking registration to university officials upon request.”

**Statement of Disability Services:** "Any student with a disability needing academic adjustments or accommodations is requested to speak with the Disability Resource Center (PSAC Room 230) as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodations."

## Accessibility:

No qualified individual with a disability shall by reason of such disability, be excluded from the participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the University Nevada Reno Fitness and Recreational Sports Program. As necessary, accommodations will be provided to facilitate participation.

The EL Wiegand Fitness Center supports providing equal access for students with disabilities. I am available to discuss appropriate academic accommodations that students may require. Any student needing to request accommodations for a specific disability is requested to meet with me at the earliest convenience to ensure timely and appropriate accommodations.

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty:** Academic dishonesty is defined as cheating, plagiarism or otherwise obtaining grades under false pretenses. Plagiarism is defined as submitting the language, ideas, thoughts or work of another as one’s own; or assisting in the act of plagiarism by allowing one’s work to be used in this fashion. Cheating is defined as 1) obtaining or providing unauthorized information during an examination through verbal, visual or unauthorized use of books, notes, text and other materials, 2) obtaining or providing information concerning all of part of an examination prior to that examination, 3) taking an examination for another student, or arranging for another person to take an exam in one’s place, 4) altering or changing test answers after submittal, grades after having been awarded, or other academic records once these are official. *Disciplinary procedures for incidents of academic dishonesty may involve both academic action and administrative action for behavior against the campus regulations for student conduct. The procedures involve the determination by the faculty member pursuing concerns over alleged cheating or plagiarism as to whether administrative actions is warranted, in addition to making a determination as to any academic consequence. Academic action may include: 1) canceling the student’s enrollment in the class without a grade, 2) filing a final grade of “U”, 3) awarding a failing mark on the assignment in question, 4) requiring the student to retake the assignment.*

**Statement on Audio and Video Recording:** "Surreptitious or covert video-taping of class or unauthorized audio recording of class is prohibited by law and by Board of Regents policy. This class may be videotaped or audio recorded only with the written permission of the instructor. In order to accommodate students with disabilities, some students may be given permission to record class lectures and discussions. Therefore, students should understand that their comments during class may be recorded.

## Attendance & Participation

This is a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (pass/fail) class. Attendance is required to pass this class. Students are allowed three (3) unexcused classes during the semester. If students exceed **THREE (3)** unexcused absences during the semester, they will receive a “Not Satisfactory”. Excused absences include university-sponsored functions when part of your academic courses. Absences must be cleared by the instructor with proper written documentation from the university justifying the absence **PRIOR TO THE ABSENCE**. Excused absences also include physician approved medical reasons with documentation and a start and end date. Doctor’s notes must have the date of appointment, physician name and location, the patient’s name and date of birth, and a statement from the physician stating the dates the student is not allowed to participate. Excused absences must be made up.

The missed class content with excused absences are still required to be completed. Contact your teacher for instruction on how to make up the missed class and/or assignments. Make-ups for missed classes require instructor approval. **Make-ups must be completed within two weeks of return.**

It is suggested your three unexcused absences be used for emergencies or sick days. It is further suggested they not be used for “fun” days as additional sick or emergency days will not be provided.

Questions regarding attendance will be verified with facility access records. If you did not swipe your wolfcard for access, it is assumed you did not attend class.

**When in class, you MUST participate.** Limited accommodations can be made for minor injuries, but full participation is required. If you choose to attend class and not participate, it will be counted as an absence. If your injury is major and prohibits you from participating, you will need to medically withdraw. Coming to class and not dressing out or participating counts as an absences as this class is a participation based grade (in addition to the academic portion).

If you arrive more than 10 minutes late or leave class early, it will be counted as an absence.

No cell phones. No smart watches. No headphones / airpods. Please be respectful.

If you miss class and your absence falls within a university approved accommodation, you must notify your instructor ASAP. It is your responsibility to provide documentation of your accommodation and communicate with both your instructor and the department granting the accommodation.

It is your responsibility to track your attendance and absences. Students can find their attendance under “Grades” on the course menu on the Canvas desktop site. From Grades, students should see an item named Roll Call Attendance. Clicking or tapping on that provides a summary: 100/100 (100%) for example. **On the desktop**, a detailed report of the dates is visible. On mobile, the same information is available, but the ‘Load External Tool’ option towards the bottom of their screen must be chosen. Number of accrued absences as well as dates are only accessible on the desktop. This feature does not exist on mobile devices.

### **Approved Make-ups:**

Department policy states unsupervised make-ups outside of regularly scheduled classes are not allowed. If there is a medical emergency or extreme life emergency, a student may consult with the instructor to discuss potential make-ups, receive an incomplete (I), or withdraw from the class. Each student and their situation will be evaluated on a case by case basis. The individual case will be discussed with the instructor and Director of the department. **Make-ups for missed classes require instructor approval.**

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Should you miss several classes due to medical illness approved by a doctor, you will need to make up those days. If this is not feasible, you will need to medically withdraw.

Medical excuses only apply to the physical participation component of the class. Academic assignments must still be completed. Depending on the nature of the medical excuse, an extension on academic deadlines can be given, as long as it is feasible and within a manageable time frame for the instructor.

### **Covid policy**

If you are experiencing any symptoms related to corona virus (cough, fever, chills, runny nose, sore throat, headache), or you test positive, please stay home and notify your instructor immediately. Absences due to positive test results are excused with proof of lab testing, but participation and academic assignments must be made up.

It is no longer necessary to isolate due to exposure if you are asymptomatic. If you choose to stay home, these absences will count as part of your normal unexcused “sick days,” as will negative covid test results.

In order for absences to be excused, a note from a medical facility containing your full name, date of birth, test date, and positive results is required.

**Falsifying documents in order to obtain or earn grades under false pretenses violates the Academic Standards Code and is worthy of a referral to Student Conduct.**

*Per the university: For students who are required to quarantine or self-isolate due to COVID 19 infection, instructors must provide opportunities to make-up missed course work, including assignments, quizzes or exams. In courses with mandatory attendance policies, instructors must not penalize students for missing classes while quarantined.*

*For any absences, students should contact their instructor or faculty member directly.*

If you are still symptomatic after 5 days, and need to miss class, you must have a note from a physician excusing you from attending, and stating a date you are able to return.

In summary:

If you are symptomatic, you should stay home.

If you test positive, it is excused, but stay home and know your absence requires a make up.

If you test negative, it is NOT excused, and is considered an unexcused 'sick' day.

### Grading Scale

Academic 4 quizzes and 1 final exam. Total Points 90. Satisfactory 70+/90, Unsatisfactory <70/90.

Physical Satisfactory = 3 or less absences Unsatisfactory = more than 3 absences

*\*As it is my responsibility to lead you safely through the course of these exercises, I reserve the right as your instructor to modify any and all exercises if necessary. As the instructor, I also reserve the right to change workouts / dates of workouts to fit the class. Any updates to the syllabus will be announced in canvas.*