



## Research Diving Program



### CSUMB Research Diving Program Statement of Understanding and Student Learning Agreement for Skin and Scuba Diving Training

The diving course you are about to begin is an exciting and demanding challenge. It will allow you to eventually explore the “other three-fourths” of our planet that is underwater. To accept the call of underwater adventure, you must be aware of the risks involved in the sport and be willing to study and practice to achieve success.

This course will require heavy physical exertion. You will need to be able to equalize pressure in your ears and sinuses. Your breathing and circulatory systems must also be in good health. You will need to complete an AAUS Medical Evaluation of Fitness for SCUBA Diving Report along with a medical history form. Medical exam intervals are articulated on the forms provided; if you are enrolled in a continuing education course, you may not be required to complete a new medical exam. You will also need to read, discuss and sign 2 waivers, release and indemnity agreements (NAUI & CSUMB Specific), along with this document. If you are a minor, you will need to have a guardian sign these forms in addition to yourself. These forms are returned to the instructor and kept in your file with the Diving Safety Officer.

Skin and scuba diving are equipment sports. Some equipment is personal and needs to be purchased. Do not purchase equipment until it has been discussed in class and you know how to evaluate your purchases.

The cost of this course is included in the price of your tuition along with a \$140 course fee, and includes the use of diving equipment from the CSUMB Research Diving Locker. Additional costs in order to complete the course will be learning materials (eLearning & certification media), diving first aid training (Rescue and other continuing education courses), some basic diving equipment based on which course you are enrolled (see below) and parking fees at local dive locations where parking is metered.

You are highly encouraged to purchase the following equipment:

**MSCI 280:**

- Diving Mask & Snorkel
- Dive Gloves

**MSCI 282**

- Diving Mask & Snorkel (if not purchased during MSCI 280)
- Dive Boots & Fins (Minimum 5mm neoprene boots, open heel fins)

**MSCI 283**

- Items required in MSCI 280 & 282, if not purchased during these course(s)
- 7mm diving wetsuit

***The costs associated with purchasing equipment vary depending on many factors. Consulting with your instructor, the diving safety officer and retail staff at the local dive shop is crucial in selecting appropriate equipment for our class. Local dive shops extend discounts to students upwards of 20% off of retail prices.***

Important information is included in every course session. Because diving is built from a few basics to more complex concepts, you must attend every session or your training will be incomplete. You will be required to make up any missed sessions. Bring paper and pencil to take notes in class. Your notes will help you study for the classroom evaluations. You will need to successfully complete a final examination and successfully demonstrate all required skills in open water in order to be certified. Additional evaluation information can be found in your course syllabus.

***If you are unable to complete the certification in the time allotted for the semester, it is your responsibility to coordinate with the instructor of the course to arrange times to make up the missed items. If 12 months elapses from the end of the semester of which you were enrolled, you must re-enroll in the course and start the course over.***

The course meeting times (classroom, confined water & open water training sessions) are articulated in the course schedule. Some training sessions (night diving) may necessitate meeting outside of the established times. Ample notice will be provided to accommodate scheduling.

Open water training sessions are subject to the instructor's and staff's assessment of environmental conditions; when ocean conditions are not fit for diving activities, other training activities will be conducted.

NAUI Worldwide has developed diver education systems to help you study and become familiar

with diving terminology and understand the concepts and physical laws that apply to skin and scuba diving. Complete education systems have been packaged for each level of training, for example, the NAUI Scuba Diver Education System for the NAUI Scuba Diver Course contains a textbook, dive tables, log book, plus a video and audio tape presentation of the academic content. Everything you need to pre-study or review the academic material, in a format that is consistent with your dominant learning style, is contained in the system. Whether assigned in conjunction with scheduled classroom sessions or as a whole, the education systems approach to diver training will help you be a better diver. You may purchase yours at:

**Bamboo Reef Scuba Diving Center - Monterey**  
**614 Lighthouse Ave #1008**  
**Monterey, CA 93940**

I understand and agree that by enrolling in this course I am incurring obligations for attendance, skill performance and financial responsibility. I understand and agree that mastering the subject matter and skills of skin and scuba diving are largely dependent on me. That my instructor is only able to assist and guide me as I proceed through the training process. That my accounts with the facility and/or the instructor must be settled before I will receive my NAUI certification card. I also understand and agree that learning to skin or scuba dive requires a commitment of time, money, cooperation and practice in order to be certified. I am willing to accept the risks and responsibilities for my own actions. I understand that the instructor must make the final judgment as to my competency to be a safe diver and be awarded certification.

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Student Signature

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Print Name

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Date

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Guardian Signature, if applicable

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Printed Name

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Instructor's signature

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Printed Name