PDP AQ220 Beginning SCUBA

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Meets once per week: 1.0 Credit

Course Description:
This course is designed to give you all the academic knowledge and pool skills necessary to become SCUBA certified. The course does not include SCUBA certification however several options for certification will be offered and discussed during class.

Academic Materials and Homework:
Certain academic materials are required and must be purchased through East Coast Divers. Reading and homework is done online as assigned.

Required Equipment:
You will be required to bring your own swim cap, and bathing suit. Towels are available at the Pro Shop for rent, however you may bring your own. It will be recommended that you buy certain other gear, but it will not be required.

Lockers:
Students may use a day locker in the hallway by the pool. Locks are available from the Pro Shop in the Fitness and Recreation Center or you may bring your own lock. Please be careful of personal belongings and keep them locked up even when taking a shower. Bags, shoes, clothes and other personal items are not allowed on the pool deck. Deck shoes like flip flops are allowed. Boston University and the Department of Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Grading Policy:
This class will be graded Pass/Fail, based on attendance, final exam score, and completion of homework. Below is a list of possible grades you may receive in this class:

P – Pass: Completed course requirements.

W – Withdraw: If you drop this class after the specified deadline, you will receive a “W” grade.

MG - Missing Grade: If you decide you do not want to take this course, but forget to drop it, this grade will appear on your transcript. You will still be allowed to graduate and it will not affect your overall GPA, however you are strongly encouraged to drop this course.
within the allotted deadline to avoid this grade. Dropping before the deadline will remove this class from your transcript entirely.

I – Incomplete: If you fail to meet the attendance requirements of this course, you will receive an “I” until you have made up all missed classes. Please make arrangements with your instructor to do so within the following semester. Your grade will be changed to a “P” once you have made up all classes.

F- Fail: It is very unlikely that you will receive a failing grade. Your instructor is happy to work with you to make up any missed classes. A grade of “F” will only be given in extenuating circumstances.

Attendance Policy & Make-Up Classes:
Each week we will have both a class and pool session. You are expected to attend every session scheduled in the semester. You are allowed to miss up to three sessions (two for the half semester course) and still complete the course. If you are not feeling well enough to go in the pool, you should still attend class if possible.

Any absences must be made up through private arrangements with the instructor.

Blackboard, Fitrec Website, & Course Evaluation:
A Blackboard course site may be available for this class online at http://www.learn.bu.edu and can be accessed by entering your BU username and password. All students enrolled in this class should have access to this site, even if your school does not use Blackboard. This site will give you access to the course syllabus, any additional content, and allow you to email other students in this class. Emergency cancelations as well as other announcements may also be posted here.

For a broader explanation of PDP credit class policies, please visit the FitRec’s website: http://www.bu.edu/fitrec/about/physical-education/

Course evaluations will be sent via email at midterm and at the end of the semester. Please take the time fill these out – your feedback is very important to us!

Student Conduct:
Boston University’s codes of conduct are enforced at the Fitness and Recreation Center at all times. Use of Boston University facilities is a privilege and participants are expected to be good citizens and respect the rights of others. Individuals who engage in unacceptable or irresponsible behavior may have their access to the Fitness and Recreation Center revoked or modified indefinitely as determined by the Executive Director of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Students may be subject to further university disciplinary action as outlined in the Boston University Code of Student Responsibilities (www.bu.edu/dos/policies/student-responsibilities).