Purpose: The purpose of this document is to provide a context and operational protocol for the PAD SCUBA program offered by UGA Outdoor Recreation.

Scope: The SCUBA program has been a part of the UGA Outdoor Recreation program since the Ramsey Center opened in 1996. Buddy Williams has been the sole PADI Dive Instructor who has certified over 2,000 divers during his time at UGA. Buddy is largely self-sufficient as his role as the Dive Instructor is concerned; however, the program is responsible for certain operational components of the SCUBA program, which will be outlined below.

Policy OR Procedure: SCUBA Program

I. TYPES OF SCUBA PROGRAMS OFFERED
   a. UGA Outdoor Recreation offers PADI SCUBA courses. Each semester, we typically offer the following:
      i. Basic Open Water (2 sessions)
      ii. PEDB 1331 (Basic Open Water for academic PE credit)
      iii. Advanced Open Water (1 sessions)
   b. Depending on the semester, we may also offer:
      i. NITROX (enriched air diver)
      ii. Rescue Diver
      iii. Spearfishing
      iv. Deep Diver
      v. Wreck Diver
   c. You can find a full list of available PADI courses here: https://www.padi.com/padi-courses/padi-course-catalog

II. DIVE INSTRUCTOR
   a. Our current Dive Instructor is Buddy Williams. Buddy’s contact information is as follows:
      i. Cell: 706.338.0582
      ii. Email: bottomtimebuddy@gmail.com

III. PEDB 1331 COURSE OVERVIEW
   a. PEDB 1331 is a Basic Open Water SCUBA class for academic (PE) credit.
   b. It is a one hour course that meets weekly from 10AM-1PM (historically on Mondays).
c. The course was first launched in August 2014 and 1 session has been offered each fall and each spring since its inception.

d. The class is open to 24 students—this is a strict cap due to PADI regulations and equipment limitations.

  i. Within the first 3 weeks of the semester, the group of 24 students will be divided into 3 groups of 8 (Group 1, Group 2, Group 3). These students will remain in these groups for all pool sessions and for certification dive trips. See the schedule below for more information.

e. Unlike the Basic Open Water (“night”) class (see section below), a certification dive trip is a REQUIRED portion of this class. See the course syllabus for a full explanation of course expectations.

f. After the first few weeks of class (typically once pool sessions begin), the UGA Outdoor Recreation program is largely “hands off” as Buddy assumes a greater role in direct instruction of SCUBA-related skills in the pool.

IV. PEDB 1331 COURSE SCHEDULE

a. The class typically follows the following format:

  i. Week 1: Introduction, expectations, class format, fees, etc.
  ii. Week 2: Module 1 reading/video/quiz, Module 2 video
  iii. Week 3: NO CLASS (MLK or Labor Day)
  iv. Week 4: Module 2 quiz, Module 3 reading/video
  v. Week 5: Module 3 quiz, Module 4 reading/video
  vi. Week 6: Module 4 quiz, Module 5 reading/video/quiz FINAL EXAM
  vii. Week 7: Group #1 25-yd rec pool
  viii. Week 8: Group #2 25-yd rec pool
  ix. Week 9: Group #3 25-yd rec pool
  x. Week 10: Possibly Spring Break
  xi. Week 11: Group #1 50-meter/Dive Well
  xii. Week 12: Group #2 50-meter/Dive Well // Group 1 Certification Dives Fri-Sun
  xiii. Week 13: Group #3 50-meter/Dive Well // Group 2 Certification Dives Fri-Sun
  xiv. Week 14: Group 3 Certification Dives Fri-Sun
  xv. Week 15, etc.: Make-up content as needed

V. PEDB 1331 DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

a. UGA Outdoor Recreation PEDB 1331 responsibilities:

  i. UGA Outdoor Rec Program
1. Provides wetsuits, snorkels, masks, and fins to all PEDB 1331 students during pool sessions and during certification dive trips.
2. Provides transportation to the certification dives.
3. Provides course materials (i.e. logbooks, textbooks, etc.)

ii. Assistant Director (Instructor of Record)
1. Serves as the instructor of record (IOR) for PEDB 1331 even though Buddy provides all SCUBA instruction.
2. Creates the syllabus which contains the course calendar, fees, expectations, etc. (see Z: Outdoor Recreation: PEDB: 1331 for previous syllabi)
3. Creates the online course through UGA’s eLearning system. Contact Ilse Mason (isannen@uga.edu) for information on setting up academic courses online.
4. Grades online quizzes (created and required by Dept. of Kinesiology), takes weekly attendance, and creates the end of semester course evaluation through the college of education portal. Contact Ilse Mason (isannen@uga.edu) for information on setting up course evaluations.
5. Orders all PADI-related materials and replacement snorkels, masks, fins, and wetsuits as needed (see section on course materials and equipment costs).

iii. Graduate Assistant
1. Manages all classroom and facility requests for PEDB 1331 (and other SCUBA programs offered through UGA Outdoor Recreation). See the previous section for a general overview of the semester calendar.
   a. In addition to reserving weekly classroom space from 10AM-1PM, the course will need 3 sessions in the 25 yd. rec pool and 3 sessions in the 50-meter dive well.
2. Secures vehicles and trailers for the PEDB 1331 certification dive trips near the end of the semester (3 each semester).

iv. Dive Instructor (Buddy) responsibilities:
1. Provides all in-class, pool, and open water dive instruction.
2. Provides specialty dive gear (BCD, regulators).
3. Coordinates all logistics of certification dive trips, including location, lodging, park fees, tank refills, travel time, etc.
4. Provides official certification as dive instructor of record; processes all certification paperwork for students through PADI.

VI. BASIC OPEN WATER (BOW) SCUBA
a. UGA Outdoor Recreation offers two sessions of BOW each semester. These are sometimes referred as the “night class” (compared to the “day class of PEDB 1331).
b. Class format:
   
   i. 24 student max per session (break into groups of 8 for pool sessions).
   ii. Classroom sessions run 4 Wednesdays in a row (6:30PM-10PM)
   iii. Pool sessions (6:30PM-10PM) start the Thursday of the 2nd week of class; typically begins 3rd week of the semester
   iv. Pool sessions run 3 Thursdays (25-yd rec pool) and 3 Mondays (50-meter/Dive Well) in a row depending on course enrollment

c. Differences between BOW and PEDB 1331
   
   i. Certification dives are NOT a required portion of this course. Participants may elect to only participate in the classroom and pool sessions without paying for and participating in a certification dive trip (offered separately by Buddy).
   ii. The UGA Outdoor Recreation program does not host certification dive trips for the BOW night classes.
   iii. Students must provide their own wetsuit, mask, fins, and snorkel or must rent equipment from the ORC.

VII. ADVANCED SCUBA
   
   a. 1 course per semester
   b. Course involves two classroom sessions (2 Wednesdays in a row, 6:30PM – 10PM)
   c. 1 pool session (50 meter/dive well) scheduled on the Monday between the classroom sessions

VIII. OTHER SPECIALTY COURSES
   
   a. NITROX requires two evenings (6:30-10PM). Discuss with Buddy for scheduling preference
   b. Rescue, Deep, etc. should be discussed with Buddy for pricing, scheduling, and pool needs.

IX. PEDB 1331 CERTIFICATION DIVES
   
   a. Certification dives are only offered through the UGA Outdoor Recreation program as part of the PEDB 1331 course.
   
   i. Certification dives include the following:
      1. Equipment through UGA Outdoor Recreation (mask, snorkel, fins, wetsuit)
      2. Transportation to Devil’s Den and Blue Grotto, FL (750 miles RT)
      3. Lodging (Best Western, Crystal River - $109/night)
4. Admission into both springs ($38 Blue Grotto, $45 Devil’s Den)
5. Tank refills (approximately $24 per person)
6. PIC cards ($21.70 per person)
7. Logbooks ($12.05 per person)
8. Food is not included

ii. Students need to complete 4 qualifying dives on their certification trip and receive instructor approval in order to receive their PADI certification.

iii. Students may still pass PEDB by attending the certification trip even if they don’t pass the dives or choose not to dive.

iv. Certification dive trips typically leave from Ramsey around noon on the Friday of the trip and return Sunday evening. Students will dive on Saturday and Sunday before returning to Athens.

v. The UGA Outdoor Recreation program needs to make sure that a van and box trailer is hooked up prior to the trip departure and that Buddy has received a van packet and trip folder.

vi. The UGA Outdoor Recreation program needs to make sure that the ORC is staffed on Fridays between 11AM -1PM to assist students with checking out the appropriate SCUBA gear.

X. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM COSTS

a. The UGA Outdoor Recreation program is responsible for purchasing and maintaining all related SCUBA materials other than BCDs and regulators.

b. PADI materials:

   i. Call 949-858-7234 to make orders (PST)
   ii. Customer number B1292
   iii. Items to order:
       1. Student Record File (10058) ($1.85)
       2. PIC (10018) ($21.70)
       3. Basic Open Water Manual with Dive Table (70142) ($34.45)
       4. Logbook (70047) ($12.05)
       5. Other manuals for specialty courses (prices vary)

c. NRS materials

   i. Customer 436830
   ii. Username: Admin
   iii. Password: Trip Leader
   iv. 1-piece wetsuit (NRS 3/2 Radiant Wetsuit) $132 each

d. Other

   i. Xcel 2 piece-wetsuit
ii. Mask/snorkel
iii. Fin

XI. BUDDY PAY RATE
   a. $150 per student in PEDB 1331 (divided over 5 months)
   b. $75 for Basic Open Water
   c. $45 for Advanced, Rescue, Deep, Wreck, Spearfishing
   d. $40 NITROX

XII. SAMPLE SEMESTER FACILITY REQUESTS AND SCHEDULE
   a. See “SCUBA Program Explanation” document in Z: Outdoor Rec: SCUBA Program

All questions or concerns pertaining to SCUBA should be directed to the Assistant Director for Outdoor Recreation.