

**UMAINE SCIENTIFIC DIVING PROGRAM
STUDENT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING & CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a scientific diving student I understand:

- _____ This is a field and equipment intensive course requiring significant physical exertion. Course hours may be long and weather conditions may be less than ideal.
- _____ Appropriate participation and teamwork are essential to successful completion of this course.
- _____ I am responsible for communicating with my instructor(s) about my progress in this class and I should feel free to approach my instructor(s) at any time if I have questions or concerns regarding my performance.
- _____ I alone am responsible for my own safety while diving, and I can cancel or abort a dive at any time for any reason. Furthermore, it is my responsibility to do so as stipulated in the UMaine Scientific Diving Manual.
- _____ Some aspects of this course are quantitative with defined standards, goals, and benchmarks. Other aspects of this course are qualitative and up to the discretion of the instructor. [For example, the swim test has both quantitative (timed-swim) and qualitative (water-comfort) aspects.]
- _____ Diving certifications associated with this course are not based on academic performance alone. Certifications must be earned by demonstrating to the course instructor the appropriate level of academic knowledge and understanding, environmental and self-awareness, skill performance, and maturity. Participation in and completion of the course is not a guarantee of certification. Diving certifications are provided at the sole discretion of the course instructor.

As a scientific diving student I agree to:

- _____ Abide by the UMaine Academic Code of Conduct.
- _____ Follow all standards and procedures in the UMaine Scientific Diving Manual, respect all equipment rental agreements, and follow the direction of my course instructor(s).
- _____ Prepare my equipment well in advance and arrive at class on time.
- _____ Communicate and work with my fellow classmates to complete essential course related duties (equipment preparation, tank filling, vehicle cleaning, etc.).
- _____ Refrain from planning personal activities that require me to leave class early. Class will not be dismissed until all equipment is cleaned, prepared, stowed, and made ready for the next class session.
- _____ Maintain good physical and mental health for diving and arrive at the dive site well rested and free of the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medications which could affect my ability to dive safely.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____