**Scientific Diving Minor**

**Minor in Scientific Diving**

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**The Program**

This minor within the university’s diving program provides broad-based support of subaquatic research, education, and recreational activities.

The courses and certifications within the minor meet diving and training standards of Humboldt State University, the National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI), and the American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS).

As a research, educational, and vocational asset, the diving program is highly interdisciplinary. Diving has been used by students, faculty, and staff in the fields of marine biology, oceanography, fisheries, wildlife, geology, engineering, industrial technology, art, business administration, physical education, recreation administration, archeology, and natural resources. The minor facilitates undergraduate studies, advanced degrees, and careers in government or private sectors.

**Preparation**

All courses require completed HSU diver certification documentation prior to any diving, including a university-approved medical exam ([Medical Evaluation of Fitness for SCUBA, Surface-Supplied, or Free Diving](#)).

Anyone diving under the auspices of the university also needs current CPR and oxygen provider certification or to be enrolled in HED 120 (Responding to Emergencies —CPRFPR) and REC 252 (Diving First Aid, Introduction to HSU Diving).

**Requirements for the Minor**

Total units required for the minor: 13

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