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
13 units:

- REC 252 (1) Diving First Aid, Introduction to HSU Diving
- REC 262 (4) Beginning SCUBA Dive
- REC 471 (3) Scientific Diving
- HED 120 (1) Responding to Emergencies—CPRFPR [required every two years]

SOCIAL ADVOCACY MINOR

Minor in Social Advocacy

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The Program
This interdisciplinary program helps students who wish to act as advocates for issues they care about. These concerns might include the rights of ethnic minorities or women, protection of the environment, educational reform, consumer education, or antiwar movements, among others.

The program provides opportunities to learn how various disciplines view advocacy and the ethics of advocating (COMM 480), how to disseminate information about an issue effectively (JMC 323), and how social change is effected by means of communication (COMM 315).

Students are encouraged to choose electives that complement their major or that extend their understanding of the chosen issue. The culminating experience challenges them to apply what they have learned to real work on that issue in the community beyond campus.

Students develop both verbal and written skills in order to influence individuals and audiences, to become more aware of their own ethic of advocacy, and to develop an understanding of how policymaking institutions work.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR

- JMC 323 (3) Public Relations
- COMM 315 (4) Communication & Social Advocacy
- COMM 416 (3) Social Advocacy Theory & Practice
- Culminating Experience
- Two or more units by advisement. For example: COMM 495, JMC 482, PSCI 471, or other internship/service learning courses.
- Electives
- Six units by advisement. Suggested:
  - JMC 429 (3) Advanced Public Relations
  - PHIL 302 (3) Environmental Ethics
  - PSCI 358 (4) Political Advocacy
  - COMM 214 (3) Persuasive Speaking
  - COMM 305B/WS 305B (3) Gender & Communication
  - COMM 404 (4) Theories of Communication Influence
  - SOC 475 (4) Community Organizing
  - TA 307 (3) Theatre of the Oppressed
  - WS 480 (1-5) Lobbying Women’s Issues