



ANNOUNCEMENT

SCIENTIFIC DIVING COURSE 2025

Course Schedule

Part 1 (Bremen, Unisee)

18.08.2025 - 29.08.2025

Part 2 (Italy, Elba)

13.10.2025 - 28.10.2025

Examination (Italy, Elba)

29.10. 2025- 30.10.2025

Locations

Part 1 of the course will be held in Bremen. We will use the Stadtwaldsee and the Unibad for practical exercises.

<http://tinyurl.com/yapbbunh>

Part 2 of the course will be conducted on Elba (Italy) at the Omnisub Diving Center Elba and includes the examination.

[Link to Omnisub Website](#)

Theory lessons during the first part and in the intersession period will be held at ZMT and online via a Webinar.

Course description

In 2025 the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT) offers a two part scientific diving course.



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Successful participants will be certified according to the national rules for scientific diving in Germany as „Certified Scientific Diver" and as "European Scientific Diver" according to the ESDP framework.

The course includes an intense training in professional diving skills for scientific purposes in theory and practice and ends with a theoretical and practical examination by the German Examination Board for Scientific Divers (Deutsche Prüfungskommission für Forschungstaucher).

Additionally, an e-learning seminar on scientific diving will be held in the intersession period.

Entry requirements

1. Being a master or PhD student, a postdoctoral fellow, a scientist or a technician in an aquatic science discipline.
2. Holding a valid recreational dive certificate on at least the level of PADI Rescue Diver, CMAS**/VDST T2 (Silver) or equivalent.
3. Proof of at least 70 open water dives with a total dive time of at least 30 h, of which at least 10 dives are deeper than 15m and 5 dives deeper than 25m.
4. Have documented experience of diving using a dry suit.
5. Have documented proof of CPR training within the last year by an official aid organisation (e.g. red cross).
6. Documented certification of "life guard" level 2 or pool life-guard training.¹
7. Valid health examination for diving at work according to the respective countries' health and work environment legislations (e.g. German G31).
8. Full diving equipment incl. dry suit except for tanks and weight belts. In case parts of the equipment are not available, please contact the course coordinator.
9. Passing a practical and theoretical competence test on level CMAS**.

Application

Applications including a motivation letter, CV, diving CV and written proof of the entry requirements (1-2) (see left) should be sent as early as possible (but not later than **April 15th 2025**) to michael.schmid@leibniz-zmt.de.

Written proof of the entry requirements 3) to 7) must be provided at the beginning of the course.

Course fees

The course fee is staggered according to the occupation of the applicant.

- Students (with proof of matriculation) or unemployed persons: 1300 Euros
- Employees of scientific institutes and universities: 1400 €
- Employees of other companies: 1600 €

The course fee includes the use of the infrastructure (bench fees, boat use and equipment) at the respective training locations as well as the BG examination and ESD certification fees. Travel expenses, accommodation and meals at either location are not included in the course fee.



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Further information on scientific diving at ZMT and in Germany:

[Scientific Diving Centre at ZMT](#)

[Commission for Scientific Diving in Germany](#)

¹ Because there are no „European“ certificates for CPR, „Life-guard level 2“ and „Professional diver health examination“, the respective national certificates are accepted if they are equivalent to the German certificates. In case of questions if a national certificate is accepted as equivalent please contact michael.schmid@leibniz-zmt.de