Motorcycle Training in Montana

Rider safety training in Montana is funded by a portion of motorcycle vehicle registration fee, a portion of motorcycle endorsement fees, and by student class fees. Montana State University-Northern houses and operates Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety as a public service.

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Enhance Your Riding Experience With a Motorcycle Rider Safety Course

Ride Safe - Ride With Confidence

Classes Tailored to Your Riding Ability

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Whether you are a first-time rider, experienced rider or a returning rider, a Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety RiderCourse® will help you to ride your best! It will help you build confidence and develop and hone the skills you need to ride right - and ride safe.

Three levels of training are available- a basic class for novice and beginning riders, experienced class for street riders with some road experience, and an Advanced class for seasoned rider with several years and lots of miles under their belt. Students with similar skill levels learn together.

Both classes are taught on a controlled, off-street riding range. Your experience and participation in these classes will lead to a better understanding of the riding maneuvers and the mental skills necessary to enjoy motorcycling to the fullest. You will develop skill and confidence through practice and positive coaching.

RiderCoaches® With Decades of Experience

Classes are taught by RiderCoaches® certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, a national organization devoted to providing the world's best safety training for motorcycle riders. RiderCoaches® are motorcycle enthusiasts with advanced knowledge and a high level of patience and understanding to help you develop your riding skills and confidence. The RiderCoaches® will provide a safe and positive learning experience.

Benefits of Rider Training

Students receive a completion card after successfully completing either the Basic or Experienced RiderCourse®. In addition to the pride of personal accomplishment that you feel, there are other benefits that come with your success:

- ✓ The riding skill test required for a Montana motorcycle endorsement will be waived when you present your completion card to a Driver Examination Station within one year of the issue date.
- ✓ Many insurance companies offer a premium discount to riders who have successfully completed a RiderCourse®.
- ✓ Some motorcycle manufacturers or owners groups will reimburse you for the cost of the class. Ask your dealer!
- ✓ You will have a new level of confidence and improved skills for a more enjoyable ride!

Three Courses to Fine Tune Your Riding Skills

Basic RiderCourse®

The basic rider course is specifically designed for novice and beginning riders. The class is intended to provide basic, entry-level skills for new riders and to help you develop the mental and motor skills necessary for safe street riding. Students spend approximately 5 hours in the classroom learning skills needed to ride safely and about 10 hours on the riding range applying those new skills to practical motorcycle riding.

In the classroom, you will learn about the different types of motorcycles, their controls, and how they operate. You will discover how to create your own strategy for riding in traffic and dealing with critical situations by SEEing. You will learn the importance of safety gear. You will also learn the effects of drugs and alcohol on your riding abilities.

On the riding range, students will begin with basic clutch control, straight-line riding, shifting, braking, swerving and cornering, then advance to maximum cornering, braking, and swerving.

Training motorcycles and helmets are provided. Students are responsible for providing required - eye protection, full-fingered gloves, boots or shoes that cover the ankle, sturdy pants, and long-sleeved shirt or jacket.

Students must have a valid driver's license, learner's permit or TELL permit to be able to take the course; a motorcycle endorsement or permit is not required. Students must meet the objective of ALL exercises and pass a brief knowledge test and riding skill test to successfully complete the class.

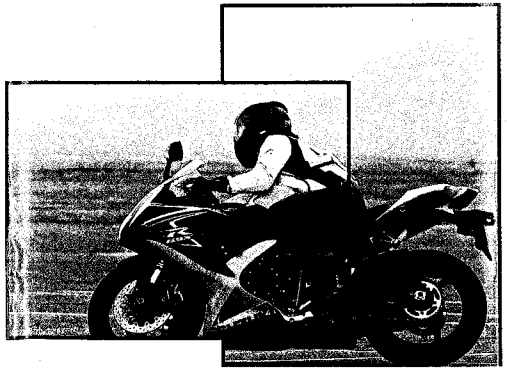
Experienced RiderCourse®

This Experienced Rider Course is designed for experienced riders with recent street riding experience in a variety of traffic situations - one year or 3,000 street miles is highly recommended. Even if you have been riding for years, there is always something new to learn to help you ride more safely and enjoy motorcycling more!

In this class, you will learn to SEE and use your RiderRadar®. You will begin with low speed control, stopping quickly, limited space maneuvering, and progress to maximum cornering, braking, and swerving.

For the Experienced Rider Course, students provide their own street-legal motorcycle, DOT-approved helmet, and additional required protective clothing - eye protection, full-fingered gloves, boots or shoes that cover the ankle, sturdy pants, and long-sleeved shirt or jacket. You are also encouraged to carry insurance on your motorcycle.

Students must have a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement or permit. Students must meet the objective of ALL exercises and pass a brief knowledge test and riding skill test to successfully complete the class.



Advanced RiderCourse®

If you are a seasoned rider with several years and lots of miles under your belt, step up to the new Advanced RiderCourse®! This new course applies the handling techniques used by sport bike riders to your ride and real world street riding situations.

Students start with an important classroom discussion of how to handle the challenging risks of riding, and what handling techniques can manage those risks. Then students learn to use the proven handling techniques used by sport bike riders to make their ride the best ride.

This class is not just for sport bikes – the techniques of high performance handling and control apply to any motorcycle.

For the advanced class, students provide their own street-legal motorcycle, DOT-approved helmet, and additional required protective clothing - eye protection, full-fingered gloves, boots or shoes that cover the ankle, sturdy pants, and long-sleeved shirt or jacket. You are also encouraged to carry insurance on your motorcycle.

Students must have a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement. Students must meet the exercise objective and pass a brief knowledge test for successful completion.

3 Ways to Register

- On-Line - Instant class registration from our website with your VISA or MasterCard
  http://motorcycle.msun.edu
- Phone - Instant class registration with your VISA or MasterCard
- Mail - Complete a registration form and mail it with your check or money order.

Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety schedules training classes from April through September at sites around the state. Enrollment is limited to space available. Register early to reserve your seat! Don't forget to ask if stand-by seats are available.

Licensing FAQ's

Q: When is a motorcycle endorsement required?
A: A motorcycle endorsement is required to legally operate a motorcycle or scooter on Montana's streets and highways. However, it is not required to legally operate an ATV.

Q: Does a person that has successfully completed a motorcycle rider safety course taught by Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety need to take the tests to obtain a motorcycle endorsement?
A: Yes and no. The motorcycle riding skill test is waived for those people that successfully complete a Basic or Experienced RiderCourse® taught by Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety, but the written knowledge test is still required to obtain an endorsement.

Q: Is the riding skill test waived if the motorcycle rider safety course is taken and successfully completed in another state?
A: No. Montana does not waive the riding skill test for those people that have successfully completed a motorcycle rider safety course taken in another state.

Q: Is the riding skill test waived by other states with the successful completion of a motorcycle rider safety course taught by Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety?
A: Some states waive the riding skill test or knowledge test with proof of completion of a motorcycle rider safety course taught by Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety. Check with that state!