



## MOTORCYCLE RIDER COURSES 2021

### Basic Rider Course for License Waiver (BRC)

**Scooters Available:** If you want to learn to ride, but just don't want to use a clutch, take your Basic RiderCourse (BRC) for license waiver on a scooter. Please call (518) 629-7339 to reserve a scooter.

**Course Participant Eligibility:** Any individual, 16 years of age or older, who wishes to participate in a (New York State Motorcyclist Safety Program) course **must possess a valid driver's license.**

**Prerequisite:** Students must be able to ride a bicycle.

**eCourse:** You are required to complete the MSF 3-hour online eCourse within 30 days of the classroom. After you register, the college will send you the link. There is no additional charge for the eCourse.

**Under 18 Students:** The motorcycle course waiver and indemnification form and Covid19 Waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian and **notarized**. You will not be allowed to ride without it and no refunds are given. Call (518) 629-7339 to receive the form. It is **your** responsibility to obtain the waiver forms. NYS Graduated licensing laws apply to the road test waiver.

#### To qualify for the NYS motorcycle road test waiver (Per NYS DMV Regulation)

1. Student must possess a valid NYS driver's license. Upon successful completion of the Basic RiderCourse, a NYSMSP road test waiver card will be issued. You take it to NYS DMV, apply for the motorcycle permit, if you do not have one, present waiver card and pay any fees and you will receive the "M" endorsement.
2. You may take the course with a valid driver's license from another state but will not receive a licensing waiver unless your state recognizes the NYS program. Vermont and Massachusetts accept this waiver. You are responsible for ensuring your home state licensing board accepts the NYS license waiver prior to registering for course.
3. Any potential student who possesses a license that has been restricted due to one or more convictions for driving while impaired may not participate in any NYSMSP Rider Course until all restrictions to the license have been lifted. It is your responsibility to know this before you register, not ours.
4. Questions regarding restricted or conditional licenses or any DMV regulations should be directed to Barbara at (518) 813-1717 or to your local DMV office.

**SHORTER STUDENTS:** If you have a short inseam (less than 28" to ground with boots) please arrange to "try on" a motorcycle as soon at least one week before your class begins. You must be able to sit with both feet flat on the ground to learn safely. If you arrive at class and cannot do this and did not "try on" one of OUR motorcycles or scooters, no refund will be given. Call Barbara (518) 813-1717 to discuss

#### What to Bring:

##### Documents

- NYS driver's license or motorcycle license and motorcycle permit (if you have one) and a photocopy of both to first class.
- eCourse completion certificate (dated within 30 days of BRC). Printed or phone photo
- Proof of a negative COVID-19 test. This can be accomplished by:
  - participation in the college's [COVID-19 Pooled Surveillance Testing](#). If you are scheduled for a weekday course, you may test while you are on-campus. Please note, testing is not available on the weekend. Weekend students may come in during the week prior to their class to be tested. Note: this is a saliva based test and is available at no charge.



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- providing a negative result from a PCR or antigen test within 48 hours of your class meeting. Rapid tests are not considered diagnostic and not acceptable as evidence of a negative test. Or, submit evidence of a positive COVID-19 test results within the past 90 days. Either can be submitted to the college's [Health Services office](#).

#### Required Riding Gear

- DOT approved helmet - Full-Face recommended (No Loaners available)
- Eye protection – Helmet shield, Glasses or Sunglasses are fine
- Full-fingered gloves
- Over-the-ankle boots (no sneakers, no heels more than 1")
- Long sleeve shirt or jacket and sturdy long pants (jeans, no holes).
- Wear layers and bring rain gear. **We ride rain or shine, hot or cold. Light colors are better. If you cannot tolerate heat - register for a course in a cooler month.**

#### Water and Snacks

- Bring **8 oz. of water for each hour of class**, and snacks. Small coolers work
- This is a physically active day. You will need to replenish fluids and energy.
- A wet rag to cool your face and neck is a good idea.
- Lunch break: Food nearby or bring your own lunch.
- Folding chair for outdoor classroom and pen for the classroom.

**YOU MUST BE ON TIME:** Arrive 30 minutes before class for Covid19 Screening.

#### Day of Class:

- Complete the [Health Screening Questionnaire](#)
- Classes meeting Monday – Friday, please go to the Parking Garage for the health screening station. For classes meeting on weekends, please go to the Public Safety Office in the Siek Campus Center. [Campus Map](#)
- After screening meet instructor in Parking Lot I

NOTE: The BRC riding exercises are physically demanding. You will be required to push the motorcycle while straddling it. All courses require physical stamina, motor coordination and mental alertness. Some prescription medications and over the counter medications may affect your alertness or balance. Check with your MD or pharmacist. Riding takes place in a closed parking lot and you may be exposed to rain, wind, cold, heat, etc.

Any questions call, Barbara at (518) 813-1717 or Email: [518Rider@gmail.com](mailto:518Rider@gmail.com)

#### Frequently Asked Questions

##### Q: What is the eCourse?

A: This online course developed by MSF allows you to become familiar with the basics of motorcycle operation before you begin the on-campus class. The eCourse will take approximately three hours to complete. It must be completed no more than 30 days before the on-campus component. If you do not have a computer, you can use a computer at your local library or contact Hudson Valley Community College at (518) 629-7339 or [communityed@hvcc.edu](mailto:communityed@hvcc.edu).

##### Q: Do I pay separately for the eCourse?

A: No. When you register with the college you will be given information and directions to access the eCourse on the college website. You will take the course at no additional charge.



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#### **Q: What protective gear is required to take the BRC?**

A: Please bring gear to first class session for approval.

- DOT-approved helmet - full-face recommended, eye protection, full-fingered gloves, over-the-ankle boots (no sneakers, no heels more than 1"), long sleeve jacket or denim shirt and sturdy long pants (jeans with no holes).
- Wear layers and bring rain gear. We ride rain or shine, hot or cold. Light colors are better. If you cannot tolerate heat - register for a course in a cooler month or evenings.

#### **Q: What are the requirements for participating in the NYS Motorcycle Safety Program - Basic RiderCourse?**

A: Any individual, 16 years of age or older, who wishes to participate in a NYSMSP Basic RiderCourse (MSF BRC) MUST possess a valid NYS driver's license or valid Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) issued motorcycle license. Any person younger than 18 years must also have the written permission of his/her parent(s) or legal guardian. NYSMSP also accepts out-of-state student credentials that are acceptable to the NYS DMV.

#### **Q: I have a conditional/restricted license due to an impairment conviction. Can I take the BRC?**

A: No. NYS DMV policy states: Any potential student who possesses a license that has been restricted due to one or more convictions for driving while impaired may not participate in any NYSMSP RiderCourse until all restrictions to the license have been lifted. All potential students will be asked to attest that they are not in possession of a restricted license.

#### **Q: What are the requirements to receive all the NYS benefits?**

A: To be eligible for the road test waiver, you must possess a valid NYS driver's license. You must successfully complete the online eCourse and a written quiz and motorcycle skills evaluation on campus. Attendance at all class sessions is mandatory.

#### **Q: I have a non-NYS driver's license. Can I take the course and get the road test waiver?**

A: The NYSMSP Basic RiderCourse does not offer any license benefit to drivers licensed in another state. Many states accept the NYS BRC for road test waiver. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT to check with their own state's licensing agency about reciprocity of the BRC from NYS. We will make all reasonable efforts to supply the student with records required by that state. Contact us BEFORE registering with any questions.

#### **Q: What MUST I bring to the Basic RiderCourse?**

A: You must bring:

- The completed Student Information Form and Motorcycle Safety Course waiver and indemnification form that you receive with your registration confirmation. \*Note: students who enrolled online will receive the information form and waiver in class. If you are under 18, you should have received a copy of this information form and waiver by mail. The waiver must be signed in two places by a parent and notarized.
- Proof of completion of the online eCourse within 30 days of the on-campus class, either a printed certificate or photo of same.
- The original and one copy of your NYS driver's license (class D or higher )
- Required riding gear.



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**Q: What SHOULD I bring to the Basic RiderCourse?**

A: Yourself, well rested, open-minded and ready to try new things. Bring water (one bottle for each hour), small cooler, energy snacks, sunblock, a wet cloth to cool your face and neck. Wear layers that can be added or removed according to weather and that will still comply with required riding gear. Your outermost layer should be a light color for sunny days.

**Q: Will the course take place in all weather conditions?**

A: Yes. You should be prepared to ride in hot, cold, wet and dry conditions. In the case of severe weather or thunderstorms, the course may be temporarily delayed or cancelled. If you are not sure if the course will run, contact Barbara at (518) 813-1717 or [518rider@gmail.com](mailto:518rider@gmail.com).

**Q: What if I fail the knowledge test and/or skill evaluation?**

A: You have 30 days from the completion of BRC to re-test at no charge.

**Q: What types of motorcycles/scooters are used for the Basic RiderCourse?**

A: Street and dual-purpose motorcycles and scooters of various styles and brands between 100 - 350cc are used. Many with low seat height are utilized.

**Q. Can I take the Basic RiderCourse on a scooter?**

A: Yes, we have a limited number of Class A scooters. You must register and reserve a scooter directly with the college (518) 629-7339. You cannot reserve a scooter by registering online.

**Q: My inseam is less than 27 inches. Do you have a motorcycle for me?**

A: Please contact Barbara at (518) 813-1717 or [518rider@gmail.com](mailto:518rider@gmail.com) to arrange at time to come in and "try on" a motorcycle to make sure you can safely touch the ground. Please do this at least two weeks before your class.

**Q: What are the physical requirements of the BRC?**

A: You must be able to ride a bicycle. The motorcycle exercises require physical stamina, motor coordination and mental alertness. We offer evening and split-week courses, which some students find more manageable from a physical standpoint than the standard two days in a row schedule. If you require daily tranquilizers or pain medication you probably will not meet the mental alertness criteria. If you have any specific questions about your ability to manage this course, please contact Barbara at (518) 813-1717 or [518rider@gmail.com](mailto:518rider@gmail.com).

**Q: I am under age 18. Can I take the course?**

A: Yes, but the notarized signature of your parent or guardian will be required on the waiver indemnification form. Please contact Barbara at (518) 813-1717 or [518rider@gmail.com](mailto:518rider@gmail.com) with any additional questions.