FAQ’s: Motorcycle Rider Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. I am interested in taking a motorcycle class. How do I register?

   Each spring, beginning mid-March, registration will open for the upcoming motorcycle Basic Rider Course, Scooter Basic Rider Course and the Basic Rider Course 2 classes and other related coursework. Specific details are available at this link: http://www.mstc.edu/motorcycle

2. How do I register?

   Your driver’s license number must be included on the Registration Form. Registrations for spring classes will be entered beginning mid-March (actual date will be forthcoming) in the order received. Placement is not guaranteed. Stating a second choice on the Registration Form is recommended.

   Please note: registration for summer/fall classes will be available on April 24th.

   In all cases, tuition and fees are due at the time of registration for motorcycle classes.

   Choose one of the following registration options:

   1. **Mail** - Register by completing, printing and mailing the online Registration Form to the Wisconsin Rapids Campus.
   2. **In Person** - Stop by the MSTC Campus nearest you to complete a Registration Form.
   3. Due to expected high volume, registrations will not be accepted by phone.
   4. **A REMINDER**: payment is due at the time of registration.

3. If a class that I am interested in registering is full will a ‘wait list’ be maintained?

   No, in the event a class you are interested in enrolling in is full at the time of your enrollment you will be placed into your second (or next available class). You may call the week prior to the class to see if there was a cancellation; however, we will not be maintaining a wait list due to the volume of participants seeking popular course dates.

4. Where are the Basic Rider Course, Scooter Basic Rider Course, and Basic Rider Course 2 classes held?

   All motorcycle classes are held at the Mid-State Technical College Wisconsin Rapids campus. Address: 500 32nd Street N., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. The exact room number, times, and dates would be included in the class schedule sent to you after registration is confirmed.
5. **I am under age 18. Can I take this course?**

   Any Wisconsin resident 15 1/2 years of age or older may attend. However, you **must be 16** and have proof that you have **successfully completed driver’s education** before you can obtain a CYCL and/or Class M license. It is necessary that you know how to balance and ride a bicycle. **Please note:** Parents must sign for you if you are under the age of 18.

6. **Do I need my driver’s license to take this class?**

   Yes, you must have a valid driver’s license or valid driver’s license instructional permit to participate in this course.

7. **Do I need my motorcycle instruction permit before I take the class?**

   No. you need a valid driver’s license or valid license instructional permit.

8. **If I take your class, do I still need to take my written test at the DMV?**

   Yes, the state of Wisconsin requires you to pass the written test and pay the permit fee prior to issuing your Class M license. You can take the written test either before or after you complete the Basic Rider Course. In preparation for the DMV written exam you are encouraged to review the material presented by the DMV.

9. **How will I know what classes will be available this summer / fall?**

   The summer and fall schedule will be available for viewing in early March each year. You may access the schedule by following this link: [http://www.mstc.edu/motorcycle](http://www.mstc.edu/motorcycle) Mid-way down the page you will find a link for the schedule. If you click on the link the current year schedule will appear.

10. **Do I have to take a driving test before the DMV will issue my license?**

    No, passing the BRC (Beginning Rider Course) waives the driving test (see below).

    **Waiver of Skills Test:**
    The motorcycle skills test, ordinarily required for a Class M license, may be waived if you successfully complete an approved Basic Rider Course or a Sidecar/Trike Novice Course. Other requirements for waiver are:

    - You must pass the motorcycle knowledge test and be at least 16 years of age.
    - If taking the course on a three-wheel vehicle, the Class M license will be restricted to “three-wheel vehicles” only.

    **Note:** An approved Basic Rider Course taken outside Wisconsin may be sufficient for waiver of Wisconsin skills test. Be sure to bring your waiver form or course completion card to DMV when you come to get your Class M license.
Class Specific Questions:

1. Can I bring my own motorcycle to use in Basic Rider Course?

No. Motorcycles are provided by the college. Due to insurance regulations, private motorcycles are not allowed to be utilized during instruction.

2. Can I bring my own Scooter to use in Scooter Basic Rider Course?

Yes. While a number of Scooters will be provided by the college for this course, students may bring their own Scooter for the course if they meet the following criteria:

- Must be manufactured for on-highway use.
- Engine displacement of 6-cc up to and including 400 cc
- An unladen weight of 400 pounds or less.
- A seat height of 30” or less.
- Student must provide proof of insurance and be named on the policy
- Proof of ownership must be provided by the student

-or-

- Written and signed permission by owner presented to site
- Scooter must pass T-CLOCS inspection and be signed off by a RiderCoach
- Student must have Class M (IP) Instructional Permit
- Student must sign a “damage” waiver (the site is not responsible for damage that may occur to their scooter)

-or-

- Student must sign standard WMSP instructional waiver
- Scooters that have been modified from the OEM specifications may not qualify for participation in the course.

- NOTE: If you are unsure if your Scooter meets the requirements for in-class use, please check with the program coordinator at (715)422-5512 in advance of the class.

3. Can I bring my own motorcycle to use in Basic Rider Course 2?

Yes. You must use your own motorcycle. Student must provide proof of insurance and be named on the policy. Motorcycle must pass a T-CLOCS inspection and be signed off by a RiderCoach.

4. What should I bring / wear to class?

- Driver's license and/or instructional permit
- Full fingered gloves
- Eye protection
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Long pants
- Low heeled shoes to cover the ankles
- Rain gear
- Pen and pencil
- Helmet (we do have helmets available if you do not have your own)

5. **What if it rains on a day when ‘range’ instruction is scheduled?**

   The class will run. This is a rain or shine course so be prepared with rain gear or additional clothing.

6. **What happens if I am late to class?**

   If you are late to class, or fail to attend all scheduled class sessions in their entirety you will fail the course. You will then need to register and pay for another class with an open slot. You MUST attend all course dates. Be sure to sign up for a class that does not conflict with your schedule. **REFUNDS will not be given for students who fail to complete the class in their entirety.**