Scooters Available: If you want to learn to ride, but just don't want to use a clutch, take your Basic Rider Course (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 required MSF online eCourse within the 30 days prior to the start of your class. 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.

Shorter Students: If you have a short inseam (less than 28” to ground with boots) please arrange to “try on” a motorcycle 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 Maggie at (877) 743-3518 to discuss.

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

- Student must possess a valid NYS driver’s license. Upon successful completion of the Basic Rider Course, a New York State Motorcycle Safety Program (NYS MSP) road test waiver card will be issued. You take it to NYS Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), apply for the motorcycle permit, if you do not have one, present waiver card and pay any fees. You will immediately receive the “M” endorsement. Graduated licensing laws apply to persons under age 18.

- 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 currently accept this waiver. You are responsible for ensuring that your home state licensing board accepts the NYS license waiver prior to registering for course.

- 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 NYS MSP Rider Course until all restrictions to the license have been lifted. It is your responsibility to know this before you register, not ours.

- Questions regarding restricted or conditional licenses or any DMV regulations should be directed to Maggie (877) 743-3518 or to your local DMV office.
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.
- MSF eP1-course completion certificate (dated within the 30 days prior to you class). A copy, photo or screenshot is acceptable.
- Please review, print and sign the follow documents and bring with you to class:
  - [Motorcycle Safety Course waiver and indemnification form]*.
  - complete a [student information form].

*Any student under 18 years of age MUST have this form signed by a parent and notarized, and will not be permitted to ride, and no refund will be given.

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 at least 15 to 30 minutes before class.

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 doctor or pharmacist. Riding takes place in a closed parking lot and you may be exposed to rain, wind, cold, heat, sun, etc.

QUESTIONS? Any questions call, Maggie (877)-743-3518 or Email: 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 takes several hours to complete. It must be completed before your class and 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.

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. You will take the course at no additional charge.

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. The form Motorcycle Safety Course waiver and indemnification form MUST be signed by a parent/guardian and notarized. The NYSMSP accepts out-of-state student credentials that are acceptable to the NYS DMV. NOTE TO NON-NY-LICENSED STUDENTS: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT to check with their own state's licensing agency about reciprocity of the BRC from NYS.

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 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:

- Please review, print and sign the follow documents and bring with you to class: [Motorcycle Safety Course waiver and indemnification form](#) and a completed [student information form](#).
- **Students age 16-18** must have the [Motorcycle Safety Foundation RiderCourse Waiver](#) signed by a parent and notarized. It is your responsibility to obtain a copy by calling (518) 629-7339. You cannot ride without it and no refund will be given.
- Proof of completion of the online eCourse within the 30 days prior to the on-campus class, either a printed certificate or photo (phone screen view) of same.
- The original and one copy of your NYS driver’s license (class D or higher )
- Required riding gear.

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 Maggie at (877) 743-3518 or 518rider@gmail.com.

Q: What if I fail the 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 Maggie at (877) 743-3518 or 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 split-week day 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 Maggie at (877) 743-3518 or 518rider@gmail.com.

Q: I am under age 18. Can I take the course?
A: Yes, but the Motorcycle Safety Foundation RiderCourse Waivers must be signed and notarized by a parent/guardian. Please contact Maggie at 877-743-3518 or 518rider@gmail.com with any additional questions.