

# Traffic Education Continuing Ed Course Options

If you are a Driver Education teacher looking for additional elective courses to fulfill the Traffic Education Minor/Endorsement, MSU-Northern offers continuing education to satisfy this requirement. The 1-credit elective courses are as follows:

- *Annual Montana Traffic Education Conference* offered via [Montana Traffic Education Association](#)
- *Advanced Driver Education* offered via [Montana DRIVE](#)
- *Motorcycle Safety Workshop* offered via [Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety](#)

For further information regarding these courses, please click on the specific links above. Regarding how to apply for college credit, please call MSU-Northern Continuing Education at (406) 265-3730 with any questions. The course descriptions are listed below.

## **EDUC 1391/1591 Annual Montana Traffic Education Conference (Course title changes yearly)**



This course provides an array of workshops designed to keep the professional traffic educator informed about current laws, issues, technologies, and provide content and teaching technique enhancements related to driver education. Outcomes for this course include being able to identify and understand changes in current laws, issues, and technology that will impact the participant and the program in which they teach - in particular, understand the Graduated Driver Licensing law; identify and understand implications of research and other workshop information for teen drivers relative to learning to drive; identify teaching techniques and trends that will improve driver education teaching - in particular, understand how to use and incorporate the Montana Driver Education and Training curriculum into the local traffic education program; develop and enhance professional relationships and communication within the Montana Traffic Education Community; experience professional growth through continuing education and involvement in the traffic education professional organization; and practice good and safe driving techniques and habits. Students taking this course for college credit must attend 15 hours of workshop/general sessions and complete a writing project.

## **EDUC 1391/1591 Advanced Driver Education**



The Montana DRIVE Advanced Driver Education workshop teaches techniques for handling critical and/or emergency driving situations in a combination of classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction. Behind-the-wheel exercises include Serpentine, Evasive Steering, Controlled Braking, Skid Control, Off-Road Recovery, and Cornering. The course is designed for present and prospective driving instructors and will prepare the participant to set up and instruct one of the advanced driver exercises in their own community. Students taking this course for college credit must attend one day as an advanced driver education workshop participant, instruct one day as a student teacher, and complete a writing project.



## **EDUC 1391/1591 Motorcycle Safety Workshop**

This course provides the basic entry-level skill for new riders to begin practicing and developing the mental and motor skills necessary for safe street riding. Students will learn about the different types of motorcycles, their controls, and how they operate and will discover how to create their own strategy for riding in traffic and dealing with critical situations by SEEing. Students will also learn the effects of drugs and alcohol on riding abilities. Students will learn basic clutch control, straight-line riding, turning, shifting and braking and advance to maximum cornering, swerving, maximum braking and obstacles. Prior to the course, an online eCourse must be completed. Students taking the *Basic RiderCourse* (BRC) for college credit must complete all exercises during the two days as well as pass both the knowledge test and skill evaluation test.