

**Florida Department of Education COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - GRADES 9-12,
ADULT**

Subject Area: Driver Education and Traffic Safety

Course Number: 1900300 **Course Title:** Driver Education/Traffic Safety
- Classroom **Credit:** .5

A. Major concepts/content. The purpose of this classroom course is to introduce students to the highway transportation system and to teach strategies that will develop driving knowledge related to today's and tomorrow's motorized society. It will also provide an in-depth study of the scope and nature of accident problems and their solutions.

The content should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- vehicle control and traffic procedures
- defensive strategies for driving
- natural laws and their application to driving
- energy efficient and safe enjoyable vehicle ownership
- physical and mental factors
- legal and moral obligations
- knowledge of motorcycle operations and interactions in the system
- planning for safe travel to include map studies
- effects of alcohol and other drugs on driving performance

B. Special note. Classroom instruction only.

C. Course Requirements. After successfully completing this course, the student will:

1. Describe basic aspects of the Highway Transportation System (HTS) -its purpose, major elements, effectiveness, and the roles played by man in the system.
2. Describe basic vehicle control, including exterior and interior promotion checks, control of motion and direction, and basic maneuvers.
3. Describe and interpret signs, signals, and pavement markings.
4. Describe the need for identifying potential hazards in traffic, making predictions about possible occurrences, making wise decisions for action based on minimum risk, and describe appropriate execution of these decisions (I.P.D.E.).
5. Describe the management of space requirements in all driving situations.
6. Describe the skills required to effectively control and take

proper actions in emergency situations to avoid a collision or minimize the impact if unavoidable.

7. Describe needed measures for correcting or minimizing the effects of temporary or permanent physical defects or limitations.

8. Describe the legal and moral responsibilities at the scene of highway collisions.

9. Describe the effects of attitudes and emotions on driving decisions.

10. Describe the effect of alcohol and other drugs on driving.

11. Describe the importance of vehicle maintenance for safe and efficient operation.

12. Describe the requirements for compliance with the laws that apply to drivers as well as owners of motor vehicles.

13. Describe the principles and practices related to trip planning.

14. Describe the operation and interaction of motor driven cycles in the Highway Transportation System.

15. Describe specific decisions to be made when interacting with other users of the Highway Transportation System other than the automobile.

16. Describe the value and use of occupant vehicle restraints and other built-in safety features and devices.

17. Describe the need for actively supporting traffic law enforcement agencies and assisting in the improvement of highway safety programs.

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ADULT**

Subject Area: Driver Education and Traffic Safety

Course Number: 1900310 **Course Title:** Driver Education/Traffic Safety
-Classroom and Laboratory

Credit: .5

A. Major concepts/content. The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the highway transportation system and to strategies that will develop driving knowledge and skills related to today's and tomorrow's motorized society. It will also provide an in-depth study of the scope and nature of accident problems and their solutions.

The content should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- vehicle control and traffic procedure
- defensive strategies for driving
- natural laws and their application to driving
- energy efficient and safe enjoyable vehicle ownership
- physical and mental factors
- legal and moral obligations
- knowledge of motorcycle operations and interactions in the system
- planning for safe travel to include map studies
- the effects of alcohol and other drugs on driving performance

B. Special note. This course includes laboratory activities.

C. Course Requirements. After successfully completing this course, the student will:

1. Describe basic aspects of the Highway Transportation System (HTS) -its purpose, major elements, effectiveness, and the roles played by man in the system.
2. Describe and demonstrate basic control of the vehicle, including exterior and interior promotion checks, control of motion and direction, and basic maneuvers.
3. Describe, interpret, and react properly to signs, signals, and pavement markings.
4. Describe the need for identifying potential hazards in traffic, making predictions about possible occurrences, making wise decisions for action based on minimum risk, and demonstrate appropriate executions of these decisions (I.P.D.E.).
5. Describe and demonstrate the management of space requirements in all driving situations.
6. Describe and demonstrate the skills required to effectively

control and take proper actions in emergency situations to avoid a collision or minimize the impact if unavoidable.

7. Describe needed measures for correcting or minimizing the effects of temporary or permanent physical defects or limitations.
8. Describe the legal and moral responsibilities at the scene of highway collisions.
9. Describe the effects of attitudes and emotions on driving decisions.
10. Describe the effects of alcohol and other drugs on driving.
11. Describe the importance of vehicle maintenance for safe and efficient operation.
12. Describe the requirements for compliance with the laws that apply to drivers as well as owners of motor vehicles.
13. Describe the principles and practices related to trip planning.
14. Describe the operation and interaction of motor driven cycles in the Highway Transportation System.
15. Describe and demonstrate specific decisions to be made when interacting with other users of the Highway Transportation System other than the automobile.
16. Describe the value and demonstrate the use of occupant vehicle restraints and other built-in safety features and devices.
17. Describe the need for actively supporting traffic law enforcement agencies and assisting in the improvement of highway safety programs.