



FACT SHEET

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About Team Oregon

The Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program provides statewide training for riders of every level of riding ability. The program is headquartered at Oregon State University (OSU) in the College of Health and supported in part by Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to provide training at 25 locations throughout the state. Team Oregon is funded by student tuitions, motorcycle endorsement and renewal fees, and grants.

Every year about 10,000 students complete Team Oregon training to learn safe and responsible motorcycling. Since 1984, the program has trained more than 230,000 riders.

Training Programs

At the heart of Team Oregon are its street-oriented, research-based training courses. Courses include classroom instruction and on-bike ("range") training.

For beginning riders, our basic courses are an introduction to motorcycling that include eight hours of on-bike training. We offer intermediate courses (shortened basic courses) for those who can already operate a motorcycle that include four hours of on-bike training. Both types of courses meet Oregon's mandatory training requirement and both include classroom instruction. Students can choose online or in-person classroom.

For endorsed riders who want to raise their skills to a higher level, Road Riding Tactics provides an opportunity to work on techniques for low-speed handling, braking, cornering and collision avoidance. The Braking Clinic (ABC) refines braking skills at real road speeds. Advanced Riding Techniques (ART) is designed to refine riding strategy, braking, swerving, decision-making and cornering skills on the faster straights and curves of an enclosed track. The Precision Maneuvering Clinic (PMC) helps riders master low-speed balance and control. The Cornering Clinic (CCS) is a short course on the ART track focused solely on curve skills. The Basic 3-Wheel course equips riders with the fundamentals to ride trikes and reverse trikes on the street. Trikes and reverse trikes are also welcome in ART and CCS.

Instructors

Team Oregon has a statewide team of more than 175 motorcycle safety instructors who are paid, part-time employees. Instructors are experienced, enthusiastic riders who bring knowledge, awareness and skill to the classroom and the range. Each instructor completes a comprehensive training program to get certified, and maintains their certification through teaching, evaluation and professional development. (Advanced courses are offered to instructors free throughout the year.) Riders interested in joining the team can visit “Become an Instructor” at <http://team-oregon.org>.

Honors

Team Oregon is a nationally recognized leader in motorcycle safety and the first state safety program to develop its own proprietary training curricula. In 2005 Oregon was ranked first in the nation for promising practices in program administration and licensing by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Team Oregon is a leader among State Motorcycle Safety Association (SMSA) members and the International Motorcycle Safety Alliance (IMSA).

Ride Legally

Oregon has mandatory training requirements for riders applying for a first-time motorcycle endorsement. Riders younger than 21 must complete a basic course to earn their endorsement. Riders 21 or older must complete either a basic or intermediate course for a motorcycle endorsement. All course graduates must complete the licensing process at DMV to have the motorcycle endorsement added to their driver’s license. Most students must also pass the DMV knowledge test.

Advanced training courses are recommended for endorsed riders but do not meet state mandatory training requirements to earn a motorcycle endorsement.

Outreach

Staff and instructors from Team Oregon share their enthusiasm for motorcycles, safety and training at community and motorcycle events. Program representatives are equally at home with motorcyclists or motorists, and offer tips and techniques for all vehicle operators who share the road. Team Oregon also maintains active social media outreach on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.

To Enroll

Team Oregon course details, eligibility requirements, locations, dates and registration are all available online at <http://team-oregon.org>.

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