

Wisconsin Harley-Davidson Riding Academy Frequently Asked Questions

I have never ridden a motorcycle; can I do this?

The Harley-Davidson Riding Academy is specifically designed to accommodate a future rider with no previous experience. While the physical requirements are within reason, you need to be in reasonably good health and be capable of riding a bicycle.

What does the class actually consist of?

1. MSF eCourse:

In the state of Wisconsin an online course must first be completed through the Motorcycle Safety Foundation 30 days or less before beginning a class. This course provides valuable background information for people new to the sport, and also serves as a refresher for experienced riders. (**The \$19.99 fee for the course is not included in the cost of our class*)

2. Classroom Instruction:

Our knowledgeable instructors will guide you through the basics with a combination of engaging information and activities.

3. Range Instruction:

Utilizing a building block approach, students begin with familiarization of the motorcycle and the friction zone, gradually progressing into turning, leaning, and limited space maneuvers.

What are the instructors like?

Experience and passion are prerequisites for instructors, who not only love motorcycling, but love teaching it. Friendly and approachable, Riding Academy Coaches create a supportive environment that fosters learning and interaction. Every instructor has been certified by Wisconsin's DOT, Motorcycle Safety Foundation, and Harley-Davidson. Each coach is specifically trained to help beginners safely learn the sport of motorcycling.

What will I need to participate in the class?

- DOT approved Helmet (1/2, 3/4, or full-face)
- Jacket or long sleeve shirt
- Jeans (without rips or tears)
- Eye protection
- Gloves (full finger)
- Boots (over the ankle)
- Rain gear - if needed
- MSF eCourse completion certificate (printed upon completion of the course)
- A desire to learn - while having fun, and making new friends in the process!

What kind of motorcycle will I be riding in the class?

In the Riding Academy New Rider Course, you'll learn on the Street 500—a lightweight, easy-to-handle bike with a rider-friendly design. Three different seat heights are available to accommodate a wide range of students.

What is the cost of the class?

The class fee for the 2025 season is \$325. This includes the use of a training bike, class materials, water, and snacks. Lunch is provided on the first day of Range instruction.

When (and where) are classes held?

Classes begin in early April and continue through October. Two schedule options are currently offered:

3 day / midweek option (Tues, Wed, Thurs 8am - 4pm)

4 day / weekend option (Wed, Thurs 5 - 8pm, Sat 8am -5pm, Sun 8am - 4pm)

Our classroom is conveniently located upstairs in our store, and our state-of-the-art training range is on-site, directly North of the dealership.

What if it rains the day of my range instruction?

Classes are conducted rain or shine, however if a situation arises that creates an unsafe environment (thunderstorm, snowstorm, tornado warning, etc.), class will be postponed until the risk subsides.

Do I need a temporary permit to take the class?

A temporary permit is not required to take the class.

Can I get my motorcycle license by taking the class? How does this work?

Upon successful completion of the course - and a passing score on the final skills evaluation; students will be able to obtain their 'M' endorsement at the DMV. Taking a road skills test will not be required.

What are you waiting for? Let's get you ready to ride!!

For class schedule information, and registration visit: WISHD.com (click the 'Learn to Ride' link),

For additional information contact Judy at Judy.nowicki@wishd.com or 262-569-8500 x3223