

## WELCOME FUTURE MOTORCYCLIST STUDENTS

Congratulations on your decision to enroll in the Beginner's Motorcycle Class (BC). This course is designed for the **entry-level** motorcyclist without any motorcycle operation skills. You will learn

- how to select a motorcycle for proper fit and use;
- how to select proper riding gear for comfort and fit;
- how to start, turn, stop and shift a motorcycle.

**The ability to ride a bicycle is a *MUST*.** You do not need a motorcycle license to attend this class. Riding a motorcycle is riskier than some other activities and is not for everyone. The rules and restrictions on the reverse side have been developed to protect your safety and to ensure that the course proceeds in a smooth fashion. We hope that you will enjoy your BC and that your experience will be fun and satisfying.

**Please read this information carefully. For additional information contact:**

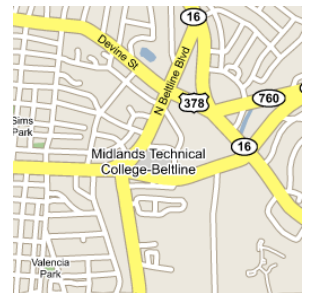
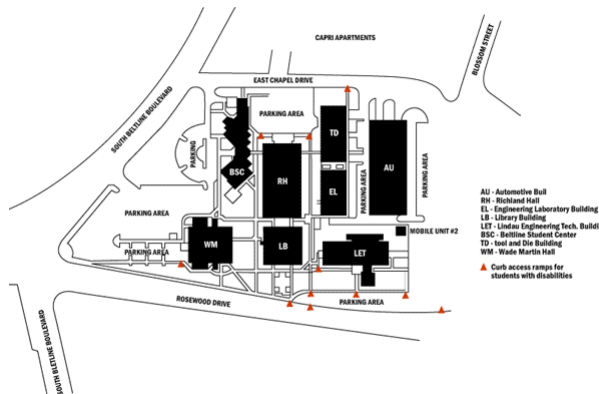
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 www.mtctraining.com (map to campus is available)

- BC students must have a **South Carolina Driver's license or equivalent (learner's permits are considered a license for this class)** and be able **to ride a bicycle**. **Please remember to bring your driver's license on Friday night.** Completion of this course may qualify the student for a motorcycle license waiver (SC driver's license and SC motorcycle learner's permit required).
- Attendance in all class sessions is **MANDATORY**. The Beginner's Motorcycle Class is Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday classes run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Class starts promptly at the scheduled time. Weather or other factors may extend the scheduled ending time. Breaks will be scheduled hourly with a full hour for lunch.
- A **Waiver Form** must be completed and signed by all participants during the first session. Riders under the age of 18 but at least 15 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign the Waiver Form. Parents or guardians of riders under the age of 18 must come to the first class meeting. No one will be allowed on the motorcycle until a Waiver Form is signed.
- Workbooks will be provided to all students. **Please bring a pen, pencil and a note pad.**
- Motorcycles weighing approximately 250 to 300 pounds with an engine displacement of 100 to 350 cc are provided for this course. Each student is responsible for the safe operation of his/her motorcycle.
- Whenever seated on a motorcycle, all students must wear the proper protective gear as explained on the back of this sheet. If you do not have a helmet, one can be provided. **Protective equipment is required Saturday and Sunday. Please obtain your equipment prior to class Friday night.**
- Optional equipment includes rain gear, sun block, and sunglasses. You may want to bring a small cooler with water or other liquids, but **ALCOHOLIC** beverages are strictly **PROHIBITED**. Range exercises may last beyond the lunch schedule, so consider bringing a snack.
- Motorcycle rider training is a demanding and physical activity. Please disclose any challenging disabilities or limitations per college policy. Students who fail to demonstrate a minimum level of safety may not be eligible to continue in the class. However, experience shows that if students have the desire to learn to ride then they can be taught the four basic skills to get started in motorcycling.
- Students are required to pass a 50 question (multiple choice) knowledge assessment with an 80% or better grade and a riding skills assessment with no more than 20 penalty points to receive a completion card. This class is not a substitute for Driver Education in accordance with SC GS: 56-1-175 and 56-1-180. This course does not meet the requirements for Defensive Driving Points Reduction IAW SC GS 56-1-770.

**Class Location:**

Midlands Technical College  
 Beltline Campus  
 Wade Martin Hall Room 302  
 316 South Beltline Blvd.  
 Columbia, SC 29205

I-77 to Exit 10, Highway 760, West to Beltline Campus. The campus is located in the area between Beltline Blvd., Garner's Ferry and Rosewood Drive. Wade Martin is the building to the right as you enter the campus parking lot off of South Beltline Boulevard.



**Good Luck - Have Fun - Ride Safe**

# South Carolina's Technical College Beginner's Motorcycling Class

## GROUND RULES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A prerequisite for this course is the ability to ride a bicycle. Students who haven't ridden a bicycle recently should refresh their skills or learn to ride a bicycle prior to attending class.

The class will start promptly and stay on schedule. Missed classroom sessions or range exercises prohibit continuing with the riding sessions. A tuition refund will not be issued.

Students are required to wear the following protective clothing during EVERY riding session:

- A DOT approved helmet. **Half coverage helmets are prohibited.** If you do not have a helmet, one can be provided.
- Eye protection, i.e., face-shield, sunglasses, goggles, or glasses
- Long sleeve shirt or jacket
- Long pants, preferably jeans or leather
- Over-the-ankle foot wear, not cloth or canvas. Heels over one inch are not suitable.
- Full finger gloves

Proper protective gear is required for participation in range sessions.

Instructors will maintain a safe and orderly environment. Students behaving in reckless, disrespectful, or in an unruly manner will be removed from the class at the instructor's discretion. A tuition refund will not be issued.

Students will be learning to ride in a group environment. Instructors provide appropriate individual coaching and instruction to meet each student's needs.

South Carolina's Technical College Motorcycling class uses a building block approach to learning to ride a motorcycle. Each exercise builds on skills, knowledge, and confidence acquired in the previous exercises. Students unable to consistently achieve exercise objectives may not be able to continue the class. A tuition refund will not be issued in these situations.

It is natural to be nervous about learning to ride a motorcycle. While some fear is expected, excessive fear can lead to tenseness and ultimately to mistakes on the riding range. If the instructor perceives that a student has an excessive amount of fear and presents a danger, the instructor may drop that person from the course. A tuition refund will not be issued.

Students are expected to follow directions provided by the instructors. Failing to follow instructions may be grounds for dismissal by the instructor. A tuition refund will not be issued.

A written and riding assessment is administered at the end of the class. Students must pass both assessments to obtain a class completion card. The instructor's pass/fail decision is final. **Retests are not authorized.** The goal of this program is to have fun while learning basic motorcycling skills and to assist the students in deciding if motorcycling is for them. Insurance companies are authorized to provide an appropriate discount upon completion of this course. **Completion of this course may qualify the student for a motorcycle license waiver (SC driver's license and SC motorcycle learner's permit required).**

NOTE: This is your copy. The original will be signed during the first class session.