

Course Syllabus

Drivers Education

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General Description

The primary purpose of this course is to prepare the student for taking the California State Drivers Permit Test. The student will be exposed to all of the driving laws that they will need to know in order to pass the Permit Test. There will be a discussion of the responsibility that comes with owning and operating a car, including but not limited to financial responsibility and safety issues.

Text and workbooks:

Starline Press "Drivers Ed 101,102 & 103"

Materials and Supplies:

Workbook (consumable) and test materials / Poster material.

Course Content

The focus of the class during this semester is to familiarize the students with the information in the California State Department of Motor Vehicles Handbook. The goal being that the students will be prepared to take the Drivers Permit test when they have reached the appropriate age. A secondary purpose of this course is to build within each student a sense of responsibility concerning driving in general. As a part of that process, there will be guest speakers in class to speak of the importance of Seat Belts and use and maintenance of required safety equipment, also a CHP Traffic Accident Investigator to talk about some of his experiences. There will also be videos viewed in order to encourage the student to drive in a low-risk, safe manner.

By the end of the course each student will have learned the material they will need to pass the California State Driver permit test and the process that they will need to follow in order to obtain a California State Driver's License. They will also have been exposed to what it means to be a responsible driver and apply, with confidence, that sense of responsibility when they are behind the wheel.

Grading Scale:

90-100 % = A

80-89 % = B

70-79 % = C

60-69 % = D

0-59 % = F

Grading

25 point per terminology review

25 point participation in class discussions

10 points for completed worksheet/workbook assignments

50 points for participation on poster project against drugs (extra credits)

100 points for the final exam (210 Points possible for an A+ grade)

Student Conduct and Expectations

- students must be on time, meaning in their seat when class begins
- Students are to respect other student's property
- Student are to be respectful of all students and instructor
- Students are expected to arrive in class prepared and always have their work books.
- 10 points will be deducted from the grade of any student who arrives in class without their book and/or materials.

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DRIVERS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

First "Fall" Semester 2009
Starline Press Workbook

Here is a schedule for you so that you may know what to expect each week at Drivers Education. According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, you must have thirty hours of Drivers Education Instruction and pass an examination in order to move on to Driver Training. There is a very short time to cover a lot of material. This class will meet Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the Excelsior building classroom. Please try not to miss any classes. You are responsible to call the instructor if you will not be to class on that day.

The schedule is on Thursdays as follows:

Week 1 - 09/10/09

Introductions, calendar, and schedule work on first assignment. – **Handout DE101** Begin with a Test! Read in workbook to page 20. Question/Answer time to follow toward the end of session.

Chapter 1: "Begin at the End" – Sample Test to page 14

Homework: Chapter 2: "The California License" (Sections: 1 & 2) to half way down page 20
the 2nd chapter in workbook for homework.

Week 2 – 09/17/09 Briefly review chapter 1 & 2. Read chapter 2 /Section 3 "The Driver License process". Do Chapter Review together! Question/Answer time toward end of session.

Homework: Chapter 3 in the workbook (Sections 1, 2 & 3).

Week 3 – 09/24/09 Turn in Workbooks and take Unit 101 TEST – **Handout DE102**

Homework: Chapter 1: Rules of the Road /Section 1: Traffic Signs & Signals /Section 2: Use of Lanes & Turns /Section 3: Parking for Reading and Study

Week 4 – 10/01/09 REVIEW Chapter 1 (through upper half of Pg. 20).

Homework: Chapter 2: Seeing & Communicating / Section 1: Seeing Well /Section 2: Looking Behind & Section 3: Communicating To Other Drivers through page 32.

Week 5 - 10/08/09 REVIEW Chapter 2 (through page 32).

Homework: Chapter 3: Speed, Space, and Sharing the Road /Section 1: Adjusting Speed /Section 2: Keeping a Space Margin /Section 3: Sharing the Road (through page 53)

Week 6 – 10/22/09 Quick Review Chapter 3. Question /Answer. Turn in workbooks.
Driver Ed. 102 TEST. Go over corrected DE102 TEST in class. Q & A.

Week 7 - 10/29/09 **Handout DE103** Introduce Chapter 1: Emergencies, Avoiding Collisions, Safety Devices

(Section 1)

(Section 2)

(Section 3)

Week 8 – 11/5/09 Quick review in chapter 1 with Q and A. Review chapter Quiz together. **Introduce Chapter 2: Other Vehicles, DUI, (DUI Video: “Wrecked” - DUI Lecture)**
(Section 1) (Section 2)

Homework: Study ‘The Law’ in this chapter over the next 2 weeks (Section 3). Chapter 3 for Reading and Study. Read and study: Section 2 (Your Vehicle) and Section 3 (Insurance and The Point System)

Week 9 - 11/12/09 “OFF” 😊 due to Veterans’ Day Holiday

Week 10 – 11/19/09 Review chapter 2. Introduce Chapter 3, All 3 sections: Emotions; (*Show “Road Rage Video”*) (Section 1)

Thoroughly Review chapter 3 and discuss Chapter Review Test and all Sections

Any Research assignments/projects are due today! Q & A for auto purchase

Week 12 - 11/26/09 “OFF” 😊 due to Thanksgiving Holiday Break

Week 13 - 12/03/09 DUI VIDEO (*Brandon Tells His Story*), OVERALL REVIEW

Week 14 - 12/10/09 FINAL EXAM

Week 15 - 12/17/09 Pizza Party and issuance of Certificates on 12/16/09 to students with passing grades in all areas of the course.

Weeks 16 & 17 - 12/24/09 & 12/31/09 “OFF” 😊 **NEXT TWO WEEKS OFF DUE TO.....

Christmas Holiday Break !!!

Make-Up Work - Make-Up Exams [and Final] must be turned in for passing grades No exceptions!

Time can be effectively used for making up assignments which are due 12/17/09/ no later. Also you can make up any tests, quizzes, etc. by special appointment when we return from our break. Please call 533-8644 ext. 216. If I don’t pick up, please leave me a message, I will get back to you. If you prefer email: my address is cyarbro02@yahoo.com