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Industrial Technology Department

TRK 1 Commercial Driver License Class A Spring Semester 2015

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Course Description:

This course is intended to give specific classroom and field instruction to acquire a Class A Commercial Driver License. Students are first given classroom instruction to pass general knowledge, air brakes and combination vehicles exams administered by the local Montana Motor Vehicle Division Commercial Driver License bureau. The permitted student driver is then given specific classroom and field instruction to pass the skills test comprised of a pre-trip vehicle inspection, basic vehicle control skills and on-road driving exam administered by the local Montana Motor Vehicle Division Commercial Driver License bureau.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Develop an understanding or general knowledge of truck driving concepts
2. Understand the peculiarities associated with combination vehicles
3. Recognize the unique features of Commercial Motor Vehicle air brakes
4. Pass general knowledge, airbrakes and combination vehicle exams administered by the Montana Motor Vehicle Division Commercial Driver License bureau and obtain a Class A instructional permit
5. Understand and recite a safety pre-trip vehicle inspection performed on a combination vehicle
6. Learn and execute basic vehicle control skills
7. Achieve excellence while demonstrating on-road driving skills
8. Course completion is determined by the Montana Motor Vehicle Division Commercial Driver License bureau as a pass of an administered skills test and attaining a Class A CDL

Required Textbooks:

1. Montana Commercial Driver License Manual available free from the local Motor Vehicle Division examination office or available in PDF online at:
[Commercial Driver License Manual](https://dojmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/25-0300.pdf) (https://dojmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/25-0300.pdf)
2. Adams, A. (2013). Tractor-Trailer Truck Driver Training. Clifton Park: Delmar

Course Calendar:

Course dates are arranged with the Missoula College Outreach Department

Required assignments and tests:

1. Three knowledge exams (general knowledge, air brakes and combination vehicles) will be scheduled with the Motor Vehicle Division exam office online: [Motor Vehicle Division Scheduling](http://www.doj.mt.gov/driving) (<http://www.doj.mt.gov/driving>).
2. A skills examination (pre-trip vehicle inspection, basic vehicle control and on-road driving skill) will be scheduled with the Motor Vehicle Division exam office online: [Motor Vehicle Division Scheduling](http://www.doj.mt.gov/driving) (<http://www.doj.mt.gov/driving>).
3. Quizzes, assignments and exams will be administered by the instructor to determine student progress

Course guidelines and policies:

Pre-requisite

1. Students must pass a Department of Transportation physical.
2. Students must have taken a Department of Transportation drug screen.
3. Students must have established their Montana driver's license is currently clear from any outstanding warrants, suspensions or revocations. For an online Motor Vehicle Record, use the following link: [Motor Vehicle History Report](https://app.mt.gov/cgi-bin/dojdrs/dojInteractivePublic.cgi) (<https://app.mt.gov/cgi-bin/dojdrs/dojInteractivePublic.cgi>)
4. Students must initiate a [background check](https://app.mt.gov/choprs/) (<https://app.mt.gov/choprs/>)
5. National Career Readiness Certificate available to attendees
6. Student drivers must obtain the instructional permit after the first week of instruction to continue this course

Safety

SAFETY IS NOT DISCRETIONARY. This course involves student drivers operating unfamiliar heavy equipment and the student must follow best safety practices and procedures without fail.

Attendance

Attendance is not discretionary. Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes.

Cell Phone / Personal Electronic Devices

Cell Phones/Pagers/IPods: These devices are not allowed in the classroom or lab, other than with prior approval of the instructor in case of emergency. Phones are not allowed in the classroom during tests.

Taping or recording devices are not allowed to be used in lectures without prior permission from the instructor.

Student Conduct Code

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review online at: [Student Conduct Code](http://www.umt.edu/vpsa/policies/student_conduct.php) (www.umt.edu/vpsa/policies/student_conduct.php).

Disability modifications

The University of Montana assures equal access to instruction through collaboration between students with disabilities, instructors, and [Disability Services for Students](https://www.umt.edu/dss/default.php) (https://www.umt.edu/dss/default.php). If you think you may have a disability adversely affecting your academic performance, and you have not already registered with Disability Services, please contact Disability Services in Lommasson Center 154 or call 406.243.2243. I will work with you and Disability Services to provide an appropriate modification.

Assignment expectations

1. Students will need to study the Montana Commercial Driver License Manual independently in addition to the regular class instruction to pass the Commercial Driver license knowledge exam.
2. Students will need to practice basic vehicle controls and pre-trip vehicle inspection independently when necessary to pass the skills exam

Grading policy

To obtain an instructional Class A CDL permit a student must pass a Motor Vehicle Division knowledge exam. A passing grade is determined by the MVD to be 80% correct for each of the knowledge tests; general knowledge, airbrakes and combination vehicle. The class A license is a pass / fail final exam. The Motor Vehicle Division examiner determines pass or fail of the skills examination.

NOTE: Faculty reserves the right to modify syllabi and assignments as needed based on faculty, student and or environmental circumstances.