



Freedom Driver Education

Learning to drive and to minimize your risk on the road is a process and a practice. Drivers who develop good habits experience fewer close calls and less stress behind the wheel. Freedom Driver Education provides an independent study course that combines behind-the-wheel training with online learning. This course is based on the curriculum provided by ODOT-TSD for teen drivers, but it is not a state-approved course.*

* The state-approved Oregon driver education course requires 30 hours of classroom instruction and 12 hours BTW.

Course Overview

Students taking the full course will complete all 6 modules. Intermediate students may skip Modules 1 and 6.

Module 1 Topics:

- Correct driver seating position
- Vehicle symbols, gauges & controls
- Correct settings for seats & mirrors
- Look where you're going; Go where you're looking
- Coordinate pedals and steering wheel
- Controlling turns with transition pegs
- Speed & balance on moving turns
- Parking (Perpendicular & Angle)

Module 2 Topics:

- Stopping locations
- Parking alongside a curb
- Understanding roadway markings
- Lane positions & tight spaces
- Controlling turns with accuracy
- Gaining a good view at intersections
- Tracking through curves
- Backing to a rear limit
- Backing turns & parking

Module 3 Topics:

- Responding to yield signs and signals
- Left turns
- Four-way stops
- Roundabouts
- Timing entry into traffic
- Safe following time
- Yielding to pedestrians & cyclists
- Turning at traffic lights
- Yielding to busses, emergency vehicles

Module 4 Topics:

- Timely and effective communications
- Understanding / predicting other drivers
- Control risks of rear-ending someone
- Control risks at intersections
- Protect Side zones
- Change lanes safely
- Interacting with other vehicles

Module 5 Topics:

- Situational awareness
- Finding & Solving problems ahead of time
- Identifying line of sight issues
- Identifying path of travel issues
- Choosing correct speed, lane position, communication options
- Reading intersections before you get there
- Protecting yourself from rear-end collision
- Managing poor conditions & emergencies

Module 6 Topics:

- Time your approach to traffic lights so they are green when you arrive
- Know whether to Stop/Go when a green light turns yellow
- Use dual/multiple one-way lanes correctly for zone control and turns
- Use zone control at highway speeds
- Control vehicle on curves & hills
- Merge easily and safely with highway traffic