

WHO NEEDS TO TAKE THE DRIVER SAFETY COURSE?

1. Students who are NOT EMPLOYED by the University and must drive to remote locations as part of their course duties (such as required field trips) are not required to take the driver course. As part of their course work, this is no different than their need to drive to Cajun Field to catch a bus and attend classes - this is a personal matter for them.
2. Faculty and staff who must drive any motor vehicle (state-owned or personal) for any University business, including field trips, must attend the driver course. These persons are driving to the field trip as part of their employment and the state has exposure to liability here - thus the need for the safety class.
3. Student workers also fall within category #2 above if they are driving as part of their employment in the department. An example of that would be if the student worker is driving a van full of other students to a field trip as part of his or her job duties for a University department (i.e. they are not enrolled in the class and are "on the clock" when the field trip is conducted).
4. Some departments that engage in numerous field trips may wish to train a responsible student in their class so that this person can drive the University van and shuffle other classmates to the field trip. A request for this should be made in writing to the EH&S Office (see information below).
5. After every driver class, the paperwork associated with that class is reviewed promptly. If a student has attended the class, the EH&S Office will contact their immediate supervisor and verify in writing the need for that student to drive on University business.
6. In any event, faculty, staff, and students who must attend the defensive driver class may do so by RSVP only.

For more information about the University Driver Safety Program, please see the EH&S Website at www.louisiana.edu/ehs (click on POLICY, then click on SECTION 18).

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