

SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
CONTINUING EDUCATION
COURSE OUTLINE

SECTION I

SUBJECT AREA AND COURSE NUMBER

DRVE 550

COURSE TITLE

MATURE DRIVER IMPROVEMENT

TYPE COURSE

NON-FEE

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION

A driver improvement course specifically designed for older drivers (55 years of age or older) to update their driving skills and knowledge. (This course satisfies the requirements of Section 1675 of the California Vehicle Code. Upon successful completion of the course students will receive a certificate of completion provided by the California Department of Motor Vehicles.)

LECTURE HOURS

8 hours per week
(2-4 hour classes)

LABORATORY HOURS

PREREQUISITE

There are no prerequisites. However, in order to be eligible for the Mature Driver premium reduction, an individual must not only have earned a certificate but must also be at least 55 years old.

RECOMMENDED SKILL LEVEL

NONE

INSTITUTIONAL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Social Responsibility
SDCE students demonstrate interpersonal skills by learning and working cooperatively in a diverse environment.
2. Effective Communication
SDCE students demonstrate effective communication skills.

INSTITUTIONAL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (CONTINUED)

3. Critical Thinking
SDCE students critically process information, make decisions, and solve problems independently or cooperatively.
4. Personal and Professional Development
SDCE students pursue short term and life-long learning goals, mastering necessary skills and using resource management and self-advocacy skills to cope with changing situations in their lives.

COURSE GOALS

Upon successful completion of the course students will be able to:

1. Explain the theory of traffic controls and traffic laws well enough to operate their vehicles with safety to their own satisfaction.
2. Acquire driving habits to offset audio and/or visual deficiencies that occur as a result of the aging process.
3. Recognize incorrect driving actions of others and adverse conditions which may cause traffic accidents.
4. Describe techniques to prevent accidents when faced with dangerous, hazardous and unforeseen situations.
5. Describe the dangers of mixing alcohol and/or drugs and driving and the need to make advanced plans so that they or their friends won't need to drive.
6. Describe the effects of driving after taking certain legally prescribed drugs and the fact that this can be an illegal act.
7. Recognize that driving is a privilege and not a right and that the time may come when they should voluntarily give up this privilege rather than endanger themselves or others.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of the course objectives the student will be able to:

1. Explain how the impairment of visual and audio perception affects driving performance and how to compensate for that impairment.
2. Describe the effects of fatigue, medications, and alcohol on driving performance, when experienced alone or in combination, and precautionary measures to prevent or offset ill effects.
3. Explain updates on rules of the road and equipment, including, but not limited to, safety belts and safe and efficient driving techniques under present day road and traffic conditions.
4. Plan travel time and select routes for safety and efficiency.
5. Describe how to make crucial decisions in dangerous, hazardous, and unforeseen situations.

SECTION II

COURSE CONTENT AND SCOPE

1. Introduction and Course Requirements
2. Traffic Safety Problems Across the Nation
3. Federal, State and Local Safety Programs
4. California Vehicle Code
5. Hazardous Driving Conditions and Controlling Techniques
6. Irresponsible Driving Acts of Others and Response Techniques
7. Driving Problems Associated with Aging and How to Compensate for Them

APPROPRIATE READINGS

NONE

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

NONE

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS

NONE

APPROPRIATE ASSIGNMENTS THAT DEMONSTRATE CRITICAL THINKING

NONE

EVALUATION

Students will be evaluated on the basis of; attendance; class participation; chapter discussion questions and final examination.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

The primary methods of instruction will include, but not be limited to; illustrated lectures, class discussions, student worksheets and a final examination.

TEXTS AND SUPPLIES

The instructor will provide a copy of the course syllabus, audio-visual aids, and any relevant handouts. Students will be responsible for providing pen/pencil, notebook and a copy of the student workbook (approximately \$3.75). In addition students will need to pay for their Certificate of Completion issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles (approximately \$1.00).

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Instructors must meet all requirements stated in Policy 3100 (Student Rights, Responsibilities and Administrative Due Process), and the Attendance Policy set forth in the Continuing Education Catalog.

REFERENCES:

San Diego Community College District Policy 3100
California Community Colleges, Title 5, Section 55002
Continuing Education Catalog