Our Driver Education Program at Xaverian is open to students of any high school who are enrolled in a diploma or certificate program, as well as high school graduates. In conjunction with Autonautics International Driving School, instruction is provided by teachers who are certified according to the requirements of the Department of Education of the State of New York as well as the Department of Motor Vehicles.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What is the age requirement for Driver Education?**
   
   All students must be 16 years of age before the first day of the school semester (September 15th or February 15th).

2. **Do I need my learners permit before I begin the course?**
   
   No. A permit is not required to start an approved Driver Education Course, but it is necessary to get your learners permit before the completion of the course and before receiving an MV 285 certificate of completion.

3. **When do I get my driver education certificate of completion (MV 285)?**
   
   You will receive the MV-285 form the Department of Education in the mail approximately 2-3 weeks after the end of your driver education semester. It will be mailed to you by Xaverian, providing all fees have been paid and all course requirements have been satisfied.

4. **How long is my MV 285 driver education certificate valid for?**
   
   It is valid for two years from the date of issue.

5. **Am I eligible to receive an insurance discount by taking driver education?**
   
   Yes. The MV 285 Certificate of Completion is a two - part form that is issued upon completion of the course and should be submitted to your insurance company for any potential discount.
6. What do I do if I lose or misplace my MV 285 certificate?

You can apply for another certificate through Xaverian if you lose your MV 285. However, it will normally take 4-8 weeks to receive a replacement certificate from the New York State Education Department. Xaverian does not issue replacement certificates. In certain cases, you may also be required to file a police report for a lost, misplaced or stolen certificate.

7. How do I schedule my road test?

Upon completion of the driver education course, and after you have received an MV 285 certificate of completion, you should then view the DMV website for licensing instructions.

http://www.dmv.ny.gov./rtreq.htm

8. What do I need to have before I schedule my road test?

- **A valid NYS learners permit** – It must be valid on the date you make the appointment and on the date that you take your road test.

- **A completed MV 262 Form** – if you are under 18 years of age, you must have a minimum of 50 hours of supervised practice driving before you take your road test. You must bring the MV 262 form (Certification of Supervised Driving) completed by your parent or guardian. You do not have to have the driving school or Xaverian certify or sign the form. Your MV 285 issued at the conclusion of the course signifies that you have received the necessary 6 hours behind the wheel in a state-approved program.


- **A valid MV 285 driver education certificate** – the MV 285 must be completed in full and valid at the time you schedule your road test. If you are age 17 and have completed driver education, and have obtained a valid MV 285 certificate you can take the road test.

9. Is Driver Education held on days that school is closed?

No, during the regular school year, there are no Driver Education classes held on days that Xaverian is closed. All classes on non-school days, or on days that Xaverian is closed because of weather conditions, will be rescheduled before the end of the course.
10. What do I do if I miss a class, or a class is canceled?

All students must attend all lecture classes. Any student who is absent from more than TWO lectures, for any reason, is not eligible for certification. Athletic games, after school tutoring or classes, or personal appointments are not considered excused absences.

Any student who misses a driving class, should contact Autonuatics Driving School (718) 745-4435 to reschedule a missed driving session.

NYS DMV REQUIREMENTS

- Student must be 16 years of age by the first day of the NYS Semester (permit preferred, but not mandatory)

- A NYS certified Driver and Traffic Safety Educator with a valid (MV-283) certificate must instruct the classroom, simulation and in-car components of the course

- The program provides 24 Hours of Classroom Instruction

- The program provides 24 Hours Laboratory Instruction- must include minimum 6 hours behind the wheel and 6 hours of observation. Remaining 12 hours of laboratory may include a combination of additional behind the wheel instruction, and or simulation, observation or range practice.

- All instructional time, 24 hours class and 24 hours in-car, must be completed

- Student must achieve a 65% classroom grade.

- Student must achieve a 65% Laboratory grade.

- Maximum 90 minute sessions for classroom and laboratory

- Class and Lab sessions must run concurrently

- Maximum of 4 students in the car for behind the wheel training

- Maximum of 36 students for classroom training

Approved School Credit:
- ½ credit toward graduation may be awarded if the High School provides driver education as part of their regular day curriculum.
DRIVER ED LECTURE CLASSES

Session 1
  o Orientation to Driver Education

Session 2
  o The Highway System

Session 3
  o Know your vehicle, basic operation including starting, stopping and steering.

Session 4
  o Right of Way at Intersections and Vision and Space.

Session 5
  o Driving Maneuvers

Session 6
  o Different Driving Environments

Session 7
  o Sharing the Road

Session 8
  o The Natural laws of Driving

Session 9
  o Emotion, Attitude and New Driving Laws

Session 10
  o Adverse Driving Conditions

Session 11
  o Distracted Driving

Session 12
  o Impaired Driving

Session 13
  o Emergency Response and Recovery

Session 14
  o Trip Planning and Navigation

Session 15
  o Owning, Insuring and Maintaining a vehicle
Session 16
  o Final Examination