



Basic Hunter Education - Blended Learning Format

Requires student to complete a homework assignment before attending one in-person class

In this learning format, students read and learn the course material ahead of time on their own to prepare for in class activities with the instructor and peers. **This format requires students to complete the online MA Hunter Study Guide (50% of the course) before attending one in-person class known as the Field Day (50% of the course) for hands-on practice and to take the final exam.**

The main advantage is that this format offers flexibility. Students learn the course material, at their own pace, on their own time, and attend one class session known as the "field day" to participate in practical, hands-on, activities and take the final exam. This blended format is a good option for students with tight schedules and who are self-motivated, conscientious and learn well on their own. **This format does require as much time and effort as a traditional course and students will need to allot 6-8 hours of their time to complete the online MA Hunter Study Guide.**

Students 17 years of age or younger must have parental consent to attend our courses. Parents and Guardians are invited and encouraged to stay during the class session. Please note that this format may be difficult for students less than 16 years of age unless they receive guidance while completing the homework assignment.

How to complete this course in 2 steps

- 1. Do the essential coursework/homework.** Completing the coursework/homework earns you credit towards your Massachusetts Basic Hunter Education Certificate and provides the necessary information for you to successfully pass the final exam. Students can accomplish the assignment by completing the free online Massachusetts Hunter Study Guide and may start at any time. Once you have completed the online study guide, save your work as a PDF, and use the [course registration form](#) to attach a copy and register for a Field Day (Full Instructions and an example are on page 2)
- 2. Attend the field day session (6.0 hrs.) and take the final exam.** Students will join in several hands-on activities guided by the instructor to deepen their understanding of the material. Class participation and performance is a factor in determining successful completion of the course. Students are expected to demonstrate safe gun handling and a mature and responsible attitude toward firearms, people, and natural resources. Lastly, students must pass a final exam with a score of 80% or better. There is no time limit for taking the exam.

Instructions to complete the online MA Hunter Study Guide

How to Complete the free online MA Hunter Study guide. Doing the necessary coursework earns you credit towards your Massachusetts Basic Hunter Education Certificate and provides the necessary information for you to successfully pass the final exam. Allot 6-8 hours to accomplish this assignment.

- a. You will need an email address and an internet connection.

Visit <https://www.huntercourse.com/usa/massachusetts> and create an account using your full legal name and an email address (please note, each student will need their own unique email address to create an account).

- b. The Massachusetts Hunter Study Guide is comprised of 16 sections (12 chapters and 4 virtual field day hunt situations) each with a quiz. Read each section and complete the quizzes. You must receive a score of 80% or better to proceed to the next section. You can retake each quiz as many times as necessary.

- c. Once all 16 quizzes are successfully completed (80% or better), you will end on a final “Congratulations” page. While on this page, save it as a PDF and use the [course registration form](#) to attach a copy and register for a Field Day to get certified

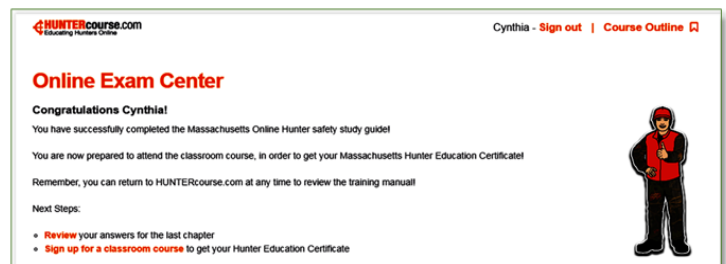


Image of a Congratulations page

How to save the “Congratulations” page as a PDF:

- Hover over the page and right-click your mouse. Choose “print” from the drop-down menu.
- A new window will open with options. Select the option to “Save as a PDF”. Then click “save”.
- A window will appear, prompting you to save a file named HUNTERcourse.com.pdf and to specify a location.
- Edit the file to include your full legal name (i.e., JamesJSmithHUNTERcourse.com.pdf). Then click “save”.

Make it a Joint Effort. Get help and discuss the lessons. It’s OK to do the coursework with family and friends if you understand every lesson and can pass the quizzes and answer the chapter questions on your own.

Do Not Wait Until the Last Minute. Plan your time now. The assignment takes at least 6 hours to complete.

If you need further assistance. Contact the **MassWildlife Hunter Education Program** by phone or email. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. (excluding major holidays). If calling outside normal business hours, please leave a message with your name and best daytime phone number. We will return your call.

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