University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Amateur Radio Club

University Of Arkansas At Little Rock Ham Radio Club License Exam Info:

The University Of Arkansas At Little Rock (UALR) Ham Radio Club is pleased to offer a license exam session for new or upgraded amateur radio licenses. Testing is done through the American Radio Relay League Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (ARRL/VEC). Daryl Stout, NK5LA, is the VE Team Liaison. We normally test 4 times in a calendar year. This file was last updated on July 20, 2026, with sessions for 2026, and other info.

Depending on COVID-19, masks may be RECOMMENDED when "social distancing can not be maintained"; or may be REQUIRED in the building, but masks may be removed once you exit the building. This is whether you've had the vaccine(s) or Covid-19 or not; no exceptions. If you don't feel well, have Covid-19 on exam day...or have been exposed to Covid-19 in the 2 weeks before the exam, please stay home.

Our remaining 2026 session will be on Saturday, October 24, at 11am Central Time in Room 517 of Friborough Hall (the former Natural Sciences Building) on the UALR Campus. Exam dates for 2027 will be posted as soon as possible.

Please send an email to n5vlz@duck.com if you plan to come to take an exam. We offer the Technician, General, and Amateur Extra license exams. You can also register via the Exam Tools website...be sure to select the correct desired exam session date. Note that my cellphone is being repaired right now (shattered screen), so email is the only way to contact me. I should have the cellphone back in late July or early August, 2026.

Examinees should go to https://www.arrl.org/what-to-bring-to-an-exam-session prior to exam day, and to follow ALL noted instructions. Failure to bring the noted items results in you NOT being allowed to take the exam session. The exam fee is $15 per person (cash, check, or money order (no credit or debit cards), payable to ARRL/VEC). For examinees 18 or younger, the exam fee is $5 per person; however, proof of age (valid photo ID, or a birth certificate with the proper seal attached) is required to receive the lower fee.

Examinees under 18 will be reimbursed the $35 fee for a new license from ARRL/VEC, once the FCC has processed it. That is applicable to first time licenses only. If paying by cash for the exam fee, paying with exact change is helpful. I'll try to have "petty cash" for change, but that's NOT guaranteed.

As of April 19, 2022, examinees must pay $35 to the FCC within 10 days of the exam, for a new or renewed ham radio license, or vanity callsign request (the vanity callsign request is done online only). The $35 fee doesn't apply to a license upgrade (if already licensed with a callsign), a sequential callsign change request, or for a name, email, or mailing address change. Further info is at at https://www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fee

Examinees should also go to https://www.arrl.org/fcc-licensee-privacy to note what data will be in the public domain, and what data will be kept private. If you're uncomfortable with a street address, or a street address with an apartment number, a Post Office Box is acceptable; but it must be where you can receive mail from the FCC. Examinees MUST provide a Federal Registration Number (FRN), and an email address on the NCVEC Form 605 (July, 2022 or later), or you won't be able to take the exam. To obtain this form, go to http://www.ncvec.org/downloads/NCVEC_Form_605_2022.pdf

All examinees MUST answer whether or not they've been convicted of a felony in state or federal court. A "YES" response isn't an automatic disqualification, but it all depends on the circumstances surrounding the conviction. All the data must be supplied to the FCC within 14 days of the exam. Details are at http://www.arrl.org/fcc-qualification-question – failure to do so, or answering it wrong ("No" when it should be "Yes"), results in the license grant being dismissed, and you've basically wasted your time and money.

Study material wise, be sure that you're studying the 2026 Technician, 2023 General, or 2024 Amateur Extra. Any study guides/materials other than these dates are worthless. The upcoming pool change years are 2027 for General, 2028 for Amateur Extra, and 2030 for Technician...changing July 1 of the years noted.

While there are several study options, I personally recommend using HamTestOnline ™ (https://www.hamradiolicenseexam.com) – they offer a full money back guarantee if you fail the exam – subscriptions are in 6 month increments. It's all web browser based, with nothing to download or install on your computer.

We plan to be there around 10:30am to set things up. Directions on how to get to the campus are below. While Interstate 30 construction through downtown is completed, I'm using alternate routes to bypass the downtown traffic. A full campus map is later in this document.

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From the SOUTHWEST (Benton, Hot Springs, Malvern, Texarkana): Take Interstate 30 northeast to Exit 132 (University Avenue), then turn left at the traffic signal just before the railroad crossing, turning left onto University Avenue. Jump down to "North On University Avenue" for further info.

From the SOUTHEAST (Hensley, Sheridan, Redfield, Pine Bluff). Take Interstate 530 north to Interstate 30 West, as if you're going to Texarkana. Take Interstate 30 west to Exit 132, University Avenue. At the traffic light, turn left onto University Avenue North. Jump down to "North On University Avenue" for further info.

From LITTLE ROCK MIDTOWN. Take Interstate 630 West to University Avenue South (Exit 5B). You will encounter a traffic signal just after the I-630 overpass. Jump down to "South On University Avenue" for further info.

From the EAST (Lonoke, Hazen, Brinkley, Forrest City, West Memphis). Take Interstate 40 West to Interstate 440 West (Exit 159), as if you're going toward the Little Rock National Airport and Texarkana. Stay on Interstate 440, as it junctions with Interstate 530 to Pine Bluff, and Interstate 30 West to Texarkana, and Interstate 30 East to downtown. Take Interstate 30 West, as if you're going to Texarkana. Proceed west to Exit 132, University Avenue. At the traffic light, turn left onto University Avenue North. Jump down to "North On University Avenue" for further info.

From the NORTHEAST (Jacksonville, Cabot, Beebe, Searcy, Judsonia, Newport, Hoxie). Take Interstate 57 south until Interstate 440 (Exit 6). Take this exit, and stay on Interstate 440; it junctions with Interstate 530 to Pine Bluff, and Interstate 30 West to Texarkana, and Interstate 30 East to downtown. Take Interstate 30 west to Exit 132, University Avenue. At the traffic light, turn left onto University Avenue North. Jump down to "North On University Avenue" for further info.

From the WEST (Mayflower, Conway, Morrilton, Russellville, Clarksville, Fort Smith): Take Interstate 40 east to Interstate 430 South (Exit 147). Look for Interstate 630 East (Exit 6) toward downtown. Take Interstate 630 east to University Avenue (Exit 5). At the traffic light, turn right onto University Avenue. Jump down to "South On University Avenue" for more info.

From WEST LITTLE ROCK: Chenal Parkway becomes Financial Center Parkway at Autumn Lane. Proceed east and enter Interstate 630 East, as if going toward downtown. Take Interstate 630 east to University Avenue (Exit 5). At the traffic light, turn right onto University Avenue. Jump down to "South On University Avenue" for more info.

Otherwise, from west Little Rock, take Interstate 430 either south from Interstate 40 to Interstate 630 East...or north from Interstate 30 to Interstate 630 East. Take Interstate 630 East (Exit 6) to University Avenue (Exit 5). At the traffic light, turn right onto University Avenue. Jump down to "South On University Avenue" for more info.

North On University Avenue:

Proceed north on University Avenue – you'll have traffic signals for traffic from Interstate 30 Westbound, then at Forbing Road, 65th Street, Mabelvale Pike, an Emergency Signal for Fire Station 11 (it normally is flashing yellow, unless for a fire department emergency run), The First Tee Way, the Village Shopping Center, Asher Avenue/Colonel Glenn Road, University Drive (the south campus entrance), West 32nd Street, and West 28th Street. At the West 28th Street traffic light, there's a big electronic sign on your right, with campus info. Turn right at this light. Jump down to "On Campus" for more info.

South On University Avenue:

You will encounter traffic signals at West 12th Street (CVS Pharmacy on your right), West 19th Street (Arvest Bank on your right), Berkshire Drive (the University Of Arkansas

Cooperative Extension Service on your left), then West 28th Street. At West 28th Street, you'll see a big electronic sign on your left, with campus info. Turn left at this light. Jump down to "On Campus" for more info.

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On Campus:

Once on West 28th Street, you'll go past the crosswalk signal (prepare to stop if required), then turn right on to Campus Drive, just past the Bailey Alumni Center on your right. Campus Drive is a one way street going south into campus. Go past the entrance to the Fine Arts building, and look for the sign of "Lot 9", which is behind the Library (LIBR on the map, noted at the end of this document), and look for the "concrete building" to the west. That is the former Natural Sciences Building, now known as Friborough Hall (FH on the map). The gate should be up from 4pm Friday to 6am Monday, including all day on Saturday and Sunday.

Take the long looping ramp walk, or the steps adjacent to Fribrough Hall (both just to the west of the Library), and proceed to the SCLB (Science Lab Building). Go through 2 sets of double doors, then the elevators will be on your right. Take them up to the 5th floor. If those doors are locked, walk to the north side of Fribrough Hall, and take the elevator to the 5th floor. The exams are held in room 517.

The VE Team (examiners) will be present as you arrive. I should be there by 10:30am to set up, and we'll start as soon as I have enough examiners. Restrooms are across the hall from the exam room for your convenience; if needed, please use them before entering the exam room, as you won't be able to leave the exam room once you start the exam, unless you turn everything in first.

<u>Cheating, in any form, WON'T be tolerated...and every exam book is different</u>. In short, trying to copy off of your neighbor won't do you any good. If caught cheating, your exam is marked as FAILED, and you will NOT be allowed to take any other exams, and asked to leave. You're either ready to take the exam, or you're not...please do NOT put yourself and the VE Team into an embarrassing situation. If it takes you a dozen times or more to pass the exam, even if just barely, you have as much right to be on the air, as someone who made a perfect score the first time. You can tell the examiners to "keep the talking down to a low roar" if they get too loud (blush!).

After the exam, once I'm back home, I'll scan in all the data, and create a PDF file to send to ARRL/VEC. They will have it by the first business day after the exam; unless Monday is a holiday...then it'll be on Tuesday. With a new or renewed license, you'll receive an email from the FCC with a link to pay the $35 for the new or renewed license, within 10 days...and you'll receive the license grant document afterwards. If you upgraded your license, or got a sequential callsign change, you'll receive the license grant document.

However, during a government shutdown, that link will be delayed getting to you, until both the government and the FCC reopen.

If you fail to pay, the license grant is canceled, and you'll have to call ARRL/VEC at (860) 594-0300 during their regular business hours (8am to 5pm US Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, closed on holidays), telling them you failed to pay the fee in time, and ask that they resend the license exam info to the FCC.

I understand that in some countries overseas that the license fee for the term is over $700; so by comparison, $35 for 10 years is a bargain. https://www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fee has more information on the $35 exam fee. Once the FCC has received payment, they will send you a link to your new license in PDF format, good for 30 days, that you can download. Then, you can start operating on the air. Be sure to sign it before laminating it, as it's not valid without your signature.

With a license upgrade (you had a license and callsign when you entered the session), the $35 fee does NOT apply, and you use the temporary suffix identifiers with your new privileges, until you receive email from the FCC of the link for your upgraded license. Examinees should NOT amend a license application that the VEC is filing; or it'll be delayed, and may require another $35 fee to be paid by the examinee. Those under 18 for a first time license, are eligible for reduced fees...noted in the first part of this document.

Questions?? Send an email to n5vlz@duck.com -- I'll reply to your email as soon as possible). As noted at the top of the file, my cellphone is unavailable until early August (due to repairs), but email me in case of last minute changes or cancellations.

To find other license exams. go to: https://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session – enter ARKANSAS in the STATE critieria, and click search. Then call, write, or email the contact person, for directions, and to get on the session roster.

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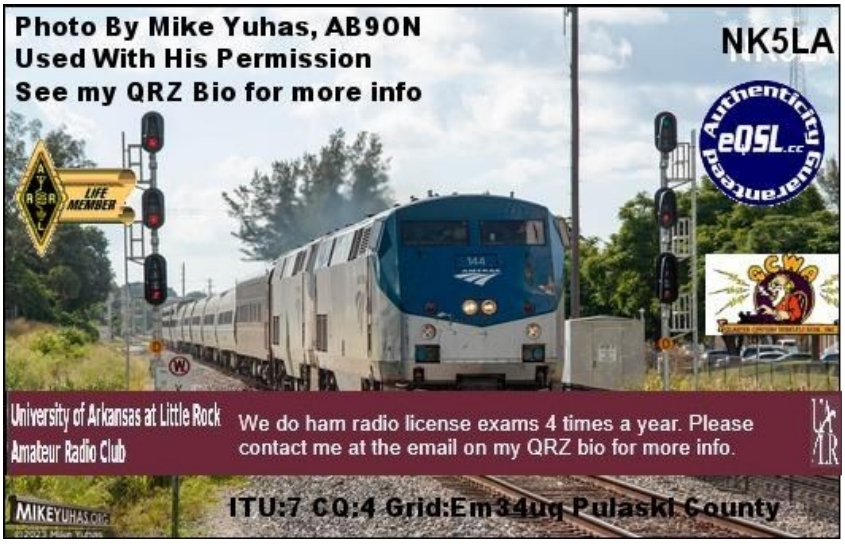

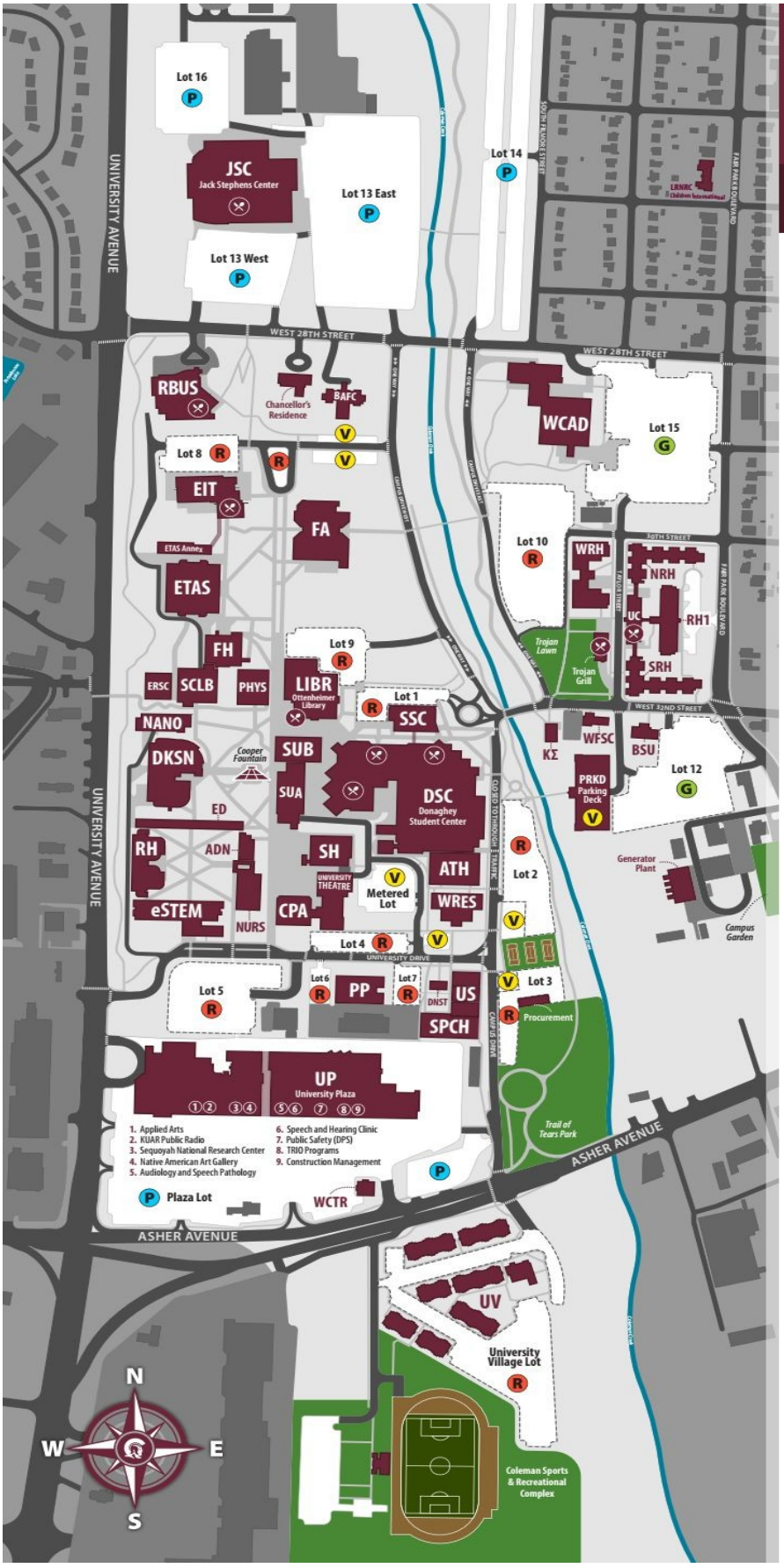

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CAMPUS MAP

LEGEND

- V Visitor Parking
- P Permit Parking
- R Gated Reserved Parking
- G Gated Permit Parking
- Campus Dining / Market

CAMPUS BUILDINGS

ADN	Administration North
ATH	Athletic Field House
BAFC	Bailey Alumni & Friends Center
BSU	Metro Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM)
CPA	Center for Performing Arts & University Theatre
DNST	Dance Studio
DKSN	H. Tyndall Dickinson Hall
DSC	Donaghey Student Center
ED	Education Building
EIT	Donaghey College of Engineering & Information Technology
ERSC	Earth Science Building
eSTEM	eStem Charter High School
ETAS	Engineering Technology & Applied Science
FA	Fine Arts Building
FH	Fribourgh Hall
JSC	Jack Stephens Center
KΣ	Kappa Sigma
LIBR	Ottenheimer Library
LRNRC	Children International
NANO	Center for Integrative Nanotechnology Sciences
NURS	Nursing Building
PHYS	Physics Building
PP	Facilities Management
RBUS	Reynolds Business Building
RH	Ross Hall
SCLB	Science Lab
SH	Stabler Hall
SPCH	Speech Communication
SSC	Student Services Center
SUA	Old Donaghey Student Union A
SUB	Old Donaghey Student Union B
UC	University Commons
UP	University Plaza
US	University Services
WCAD	Windgate Center of Art + Design
WCTR	University District
WFSC	Wesley Foundation
WRES	Greg L. Hatcher Wrestling Center

RESIDENCE HALLS

NRH	North Residence Hall
SRH	South Residence Hall
RH1	East Residence Hall
WRH	West Residence Hall
UV	University Village