



# Before you Obtain your Arkansas Drivers License

## Foreign Drivers License

- ◆ International visitors to the U.S. can use a foreign drivers license for up to 6 months.
- ◆ International Engagement encourages students to obtain an Arkansas Drivers License to ensure your safety and the safety of those around you.

## Driving Legally

- ◆ Drivers licenses from different states are recognized throughout the entire country.
- ◆ All owners of vehicles must have auto insurance. Failure to present proof of coverage when stopped by an officer is illegal. Click it or ticket is the law in Arkansas (all passengers must wear a seat belt).
- ◆ Drinking and driving is severely forbidden. You must not be under the influence of alcohol while driving or even have an opened alcoholic beverage in the vehicle. This is true regardless of age.
- ◆ If you are involved in an accident, you must call the police immediately and your auto insurance agent. Exchange information with the others involved in the accident. For more information, see the handout *What to do if You are in an Auto Accident*.

## Registering in SEVIS

- ◆ When receiving or renewing your drivers license, you must first request through International Engagement that you are **registered in SEVIS**.
- ◆ All students are registered within 30 days of the drop/add date. If you are applying for your license before the 30 days, you must first be registered full-time for class and contact International Engagement for early registration.

## Arkansas State Identification Card

- ◆ The purpose of a state ID card is to prove your name, age and/or address. It may be used as an ID in place of your passport when you do not want to carry your original passport.
- ◆ The state ID does not permit you to drive or work.
- ◆ To apply for a Arkansas State Identification card, you must bring your passport and be registered in SEVIS.



# Steps for Obtaining an Arkansas Drivers License

## 1. Study the Arkansas Driver's Manual

Study the Arkansas Driver's Manual. This explains all the traffic laws and regulations of the state of Arkansas. You can pick this up at the Arkansas Revenue Office on 2125 Harkrider Street. It can also be downloaded by going to <http://www.asp.state.ar.us>.

## 2. Written Driver's Test

Study the manual and take the written portion of the drivers test. The test is offered Monday and Tuesday mornings beginning 8:00am and 10:30am at the Faulkner County Library on 1900 Tyler St. Do not be late to this test. **Bring your passport, I-94, I-20 and foreign drivers license** (if applicable). There is no fee for the written test.

If you do not pass the written test, you may take it again as many times as you would like. It is not unusual for people to fail the written test on the first attempt.

## 3. Learner's Permit

If you pass the written test, you will be given a Learner's Permit. This will allow you to drive with another licensed driver over the age of 21 in the vehicle with you. **You do not have permission to drive alone yet.** You will keep this permit for a minimum of 30 days.

## 4. Driving Test

After 30 days from the date you received your learner's permit, you must return to the Faulkner County Library to take a driving test. You will be asked to drive a short distance with an evaluator in the car with you. The driving test is given at 12pm to 2:30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Faulkner County Library. Do not be late. Only the first 30 people can take the test each day. Do not drive to the library by yourself. Before you pass the driving test, you are not allowed to drive alone. You must have a friend drive you there so that you will be able to drive his or her car for the test. The friend must show proof of ownership of the vehicle and proof of current automobile insurance and the car must be clean.

## 5. Arkansas Drivers License

When you pass the driving portion of the test, you will return to the Arkansas Revenue Department where you will receive your Arkansas driver's license! Be sure to bring your passport, I-20 and I-94 when you go. You will then be legally allowed to drive anywhere in the US at any time.

**A drivers license does not give you authorization to work off-campus.**

For more information, see the handout *Auto Insurance and Vehicle Registration*