

Extra Class Class

SARA will be offering classes leading to the Extra Class ham radio license starting Thursday August 1, 2019. Classes will be held in the community room at the [Forsyth County Public Library](#), Cumming Branch, 585 Dahlonega Street, Cumming, GA 30040. The room is immediately to the right after you enter the outer doors of the library. Classes will run from 6:00 to 8:30 Thursday evenings, ending with tests for all classes of amateur radio licenses being given on Thursday October 10 (there will be no class on October 3 because the library will be closed). This somewhat different schedule is driven by room availability. The number of classes is two fewer than we have held previously because of the library's schedule, but each class is a little longer to compensate. We will talk about the schedule at the first class and see if we need to adjust the times. It is not necessary to be in the class in order to take the test.

If you don't already have credit for the amatuer radio general class license, you may take the course but you'll have to take both tests (plus the Technician Class if needed) in order to qualify for your Extra Class license. If you don't already hold a General Class license, we don't recommend the class unless you have a strong background in RF electronics. Our next cycle of all classes will begin in February 2020.

There is no charge for the classes except for the required \$15.00 exam fee due when you take the exam. You will also need to purchase the current (11th ed.) [ARRL Extra Class License Manual](#) (about \$30.00), available from several sellers. Information will be provided when you register. A *non-programmable calculator without web access* is highly recommended (a calculator in a smart phone violates FCC requirements for the test). Suggestions will be provided in the first class.

Your instructor is Jim Farmer, K4BSE. In order to sign up for the class please email to him at K4BSE@ARRL.net. A minimum of four people is required for the class. There is no required minimum number of classes you must attend in order to take the test but the more you can make the better your chance of passing. We will assume that you are following the material in the license manual, so we will not be spending much class time on individual test questions except when a student has a question. We'll be happy to address your questions in class. Remember, the only dumb question is the one you *don't ask*.

Many organizations offer "ham-cram" classes in which you sit for class most of one weekend, then you take the test at the end of the weekend. We prefer the more traditional class schedule, as it give you a chance to fix the information in your mind. We want you to have a long and rewarding experience as an amateur radio operator!

