

UIL Region I AAA

2025 Academic Tournament Schedule

Schedule, FAQs, Map, Parking Passes, Contact Lists for Contest Directors & Restaurant and Hotel Info. If you have questions, please contact the Academic Contest Director, Sheila Ritchie at sheila.ritchie@acu.edu

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Friday, April 25, 2025

All Friday afternoon/evening events will be held in the Biblical Studies Building (BSB).

Headquarters and verification for Friday events **only** will be in Hart Auditorium of the Biblical Studies Building (BSB 100).

1:00 pm	LD Debate Roll Call - Hart Auditorium (BSB 100) Computer Science (Written) - BSB Room114
1:30 pm	LD Debate Prelims Round I - Rooms Listed on Pairings
2:00 pm	Computer Science (Programming) Set-Up - BSB 114
2:30 pm	LD Debate Prelims Round II - Rooms Listed on Pairings Computer Science (Programming) - BSB 114
3:30 pm	LD Debate Prelims Round III - Rooms Listed on Pairings
5:00 pm	LD Debate Quarterfinals - Rooms Listed on Pairings
6:00 pm	LD Debate Semifinals – Rooms Listed on Pairings
7:00 pm	LD Debate Finals - Biblical Studies Building 130

Saturday, April 26, 2025

(BSB – Biblical Studies Building; MBB – Mabee Business Building; DMC – Don Morris Center)
(Verification in MBB 214 for Non Speaking events except Journalism in DMC 302)

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7:30 am	**Prose/Poetry Roll Call – BSB 114 Ready Writing Set-Up – MBB 301
8:00 am	**Prose/Poetry Prelims - Rooms Posted at Roll Call Ready Writing – MBB 301 Number Sense – BSB 130
8:30 am	Current Issues & Events – BSB 120
9:00 am	Calculator Applications – BSB 117
10:00 am	Journalism Events Set-Up - Don Morris Center (DMC) 320
10:30 am	Informative/Persuasive Roll Call – BSB 114 Copy Editing – DMC 320
11:00 am	Informative/Persuasive Prelims- Rooms Posted at Roll Call Accounting – BSB 117 Science – MBB 301 Spelling & Vocabulary – BSB 129 News Writing - DMC 320
12:00 pm	Feature Writing - DMC 320
1:30 pm	Prose Finals – BSB 115 Poetry Finals – BSB 117 Social Studies – BSB 130 Editorial Writing - DMC 320
2:30 pm	Headline Writing - DMC 320 Mathematics – BSB 129
3:30 pm	Informative Finals – BSB 115 Persuasive Finals – BSB 117 Literary Criticism – BSB 130

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FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

New Requirements for Prose and Poetry Events

Prose/Poetry: Each **SCHOOL** that qualifies **at least one competitor in Prose or Poetry** must provide a judge who is approved as qualified by the Regional Academic Director. The school judge must be available to judge both the preliminary round and the final round of Prose and/or Poetry as assigned by the director.

Important Note: Please read these requirements carefully.

- Schools are required to bring QUALIFIED PROSE AND POETRY judges or pay \$200 for each uncovered position.
- NO SCHOOL IS REQUIRED TO BRING MORE THAN TWO JUDGES even if they qualify more than two competitors. (However, schools or districts may certainly bring additional volunteer judges if they are qualified.)
- If judges are a NO SHOW on the day of competition, the SCHOOL will be charged the full applicable fee.
- Schools must send judges names and qualifications once District Meet results are confirmed and NO LATER THAN APRIL 14. This is to be sent to Sheila Ritchie at sheila.ritchie@acu.edu
- JUDGES MUST CHECK IN WITH OFFICIALS IN THE TAB ROOM before the first round. The Speech Director may assign these school judges as timekeepers if needed.
- These rules are necessary to insure there is an adequate qualified judging pool to do panel judging and that Hired Judges can be paid. It is the goal of the Director for Prose, Poetry, Informative and Persuasive Events to have three judges in prelims as well as finals. LD Debaters will have one judge in prelims and three judges in out rounds.

Our team won first place at District, but one member can't attend the Region Meet. Can we make a substitution?

UIL does allow one team member substitution at Region in the following events: Accounting, Calculator Applications, Computer Science, Current Issues & Events, Literary Criticism, Mathematics, Number Sense, Science, Social Studies, and Spelling & Vocabulary.

Here is UIL's wording about the substitution process:

- Only one substitution per team is allowed. The substitute should be certified as eligible. The substitution eligibility form is on the UIL website. He or she need not have been listed on the original district online entry form or have competed

in the district meet. It is only important that the student be certified as eligible at the time of competition.

- A school must have no fewer than three members in order to compete in the team competition. Otherwise, it must drop out and the alternate team should be called. A school may substitute one member onto a team. A team may not substitute more than one member onto a team.
- If two members of a four-member team cannot compete at region or state, then one member may drop out and the school may substitute for the other. In this case, the school will compete with three members.
- A team may advance only as many members as participated in the qualifying meet. If three students competed at district, then only three spots on that team are available at region.
- It is the responsibility of the school making the substitution to submit the substitution form to the region or state meet director. Email the information as far in advance of the contest as possible.

You can find the UIL Substitution Eligibility Form referenced above here:

<https://www.uilTEXAS.org/files/academics/substitute-eligibility-form.pdf> .

Once you've filled the form out, please scan and email a copy to both the Academic Meet Director (Sheila Ritchie) and the Contest Director for your event. You can find contact info for those individuals on our Contact Page at the end of FAQs.

My student qualified for Region in a writing/journalism event that allows computers. Will computers and/or printers be provided, or will we need to bring our own?

Contestants will need to provide their own computers and printers. It would also be a good idea to bring an extension cord. We will be able to provide some, but it's always a good idea to have one just in case.

Where should we park on campus?

Parking will vary a bit on Friday and Saturday, so I'll go over each separately here.

Friday, April 25

- **Any vehicles that fit in a regular parking spot are welcome to park anywhere on campus and should print the attached parking permit.** This will keep you from getting a ticket on Friday.
- Buses that don't fit in parking spots should park in the Powell Lot (see attached map, subject to change).

Saturday, April 26

- Any vehicles that fit in a regular parking spot are welcome to park anywhere on campus. Tickets won't be given out on Saturday.

- Buses can park anywhere you're able to find space, but the Brown Library Lot, the Powell Lot, or the Hunter Welcome Center Lot are probably your best first places to check because of their size and the likelihood to be more empty.
- The **Campus Map** is attached at the end of this document and highlights the areas for parking and the buildings for competition.

What food options will be available on campus during the region meet?

Through the generous support of Chartwells, our campus dining services provider, we are able to **offer a rate of \$8.85 for entry to The Bean (our main cafeteria) for all competitors, coaches, and sponsors attending the UIL Region I AAA meet on April 25th and 26th.** Just let the staff know you're with UIL, and you will be able to pay at the discounted rate.

The Bean is located in our Campus Center, and on Saturday, April 26th, it will be serving breakfast from 8-10 am and for lunch from 10-2 pm. In between these times, you're still welcome to visit for more limited food options (e.g., burgers, salads, sandwiches, etc.).

A **Starbucks** is located on the main floor of the Brown Library on campus, and it is open when the library itself is open: Friday, April 25th from 7:30 am - 7 pm and Saturday, April 26th from 10 am - 7 pm.

On **Friday, April 25th**, several other dining options are available. **Chick-fil-A** will be open from 7:30 am - 3 pm, and **Einstein Bros. Bagels** will be open from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm in the campus center.

Where can our students hang out on campus during the tournament?

On Friday, all events will be in the Biblical Studies Building, which has several common spaces. It is also next door to the Campus Center, which has a number of seating areas near the food court and in the basement. We'd ask that you please remain as quiet as possible in classroom buildings/spaces until 3 pm when most classes will finish for the day.

On Saturday, weather permitting, students can gather in The Quad, Siggie Pavilion, GATA Pavilion, and several outdoor green spaces that are all near tournament headquarters and the buildings where tests will be held. There are also areas on campus where students could set up a hammock during the day if they'd like.

Indoors on Saturday, students are welcome to find spaces to sit and/or work in the Brown Library, the Campus Center, and on Saturday ONLY in Room 100 of the Biblical Studies Building. You can also sit quietly in the common spaces in the Biblical Studies Building but please avoid large loud gatherings in this space since this space is near where both competition and testing events will be held throughout the day.

Looking for a map? You can find one attached to the end of the FAQs.

I'm a coach/sponsor. Where should I go to help grade after an event?

Grading will begin immediately following each testing event in the room near the testing room. Of course, the more graders we have for an event, the faster you'll be able to receive results. Thanks in advance to those of you who help with grading!

When/where will verification be held?

Verification for **LD Debate on Friday** will be in Hart Auditorium, room 100 in the Biblical Studies Building (BSB). Verification for **all Speaking Events on Saturday** will be in room 114 of the Biblical Studies Building (BSB). These verification periods will be held as results come in and will be announced in the verification rooms and the main gathering space (BSB 100).

Verification for **all other events (excluding journalism)** will be held in the Mabee Business Building (MBB). Rooms will be determined closer to the event.

As Saturday begins, we will hold verification periods for any events whose results have returned to headquarters on the hour at 9 am, 10 am, and 11 am. After that we will begin holding verification as needed on the hour and half hour. By the end of the tournament, when we're all waiting together for the last few events to wrap up, we'll hold verification periods as soon as possible after grading for each event has finished.

We will also announce verification periods via our X (formally Twitter) account (@regioniaaa). Follow our account online for frequent updates about verification, results, and more throughout the tournament.

Where is tournament headquarters?

Tournament headquarters will be in the Mabee Business Building, Room 201. The auditorium will be open to everyone, and you are welcome to drop by at any point during the day to ask questions or check in for updates.

Where will awards be given?

All LD Debate Awards will be presented in Hart Auditorium, room 100 in the Biblical Studies Building (BSB) on Friday night. All speaking event awards will be presented in Room 114 in the Biblical Studies Building (BSB) on Saturday.

Awards for all other events will be given after each event's results have been verified and certified at tournament headquarters in room 201 of the Mabee Business Building. After verification for your event has ended, you're welcome to come to headquarters, take a seat in the auditorium, and wait for awards to be presented.

Where can I pick up my graded test papers?(MBB 201) Will you mail them to us if we don't pick them up? (NO)

After an event's verification period has ended, we will certify the official results with the state, and then present awards.

Once awards have been given out for an event, we will release all the graded tests and any blank tests and/or answer keys we have left. Piles of materials from each

event will remain out at tournament headquarters (Mabee Business Building, room 201) for coaches, sponsors, and/or students to pick up throughout the day.

Unfortunately, we're not able to mail test papers after the tournament. If you want to pick up your/your student's graded test/paper, be sure to stop by headquarters to get it after awards have been presented for the event.

Note about Computer Science: In keeping with the UIL Conflict Pattern, we are not able release Computer Science materials until after the event's time slot in the Conflict Pattern for Saturday events begins. You can plan to come to headquarters to pick up materials after 3:30 pm on Saturday.

Do we need check in when we arrive on Saturday morning?

Tournament staff are always happy to say hi, but there's no need to check in at headquarters in either the Mabee Business Building or the Biblical Studies Building when you get to campus. Just arrive 10-15 minutes early (30 minutes for speaking events) to your event so that you are on time for roll call.

Have a question that was not covered here? Please let me know. Contact Sheila Ritchie at sheila.ritchie@acu.edu

Parking Permit – print and put in the window of any vehicle without clear school markings. This will avoid tickets.



Contest Directors

LD Debate	Heather Johnson Emma Jaax	ACU	mheatherj01@gmail.com emmajaax@gmail.com
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Headline Writing			
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- ★ OUTSIDE HANG OUT SPOTS
- COMPETITION BUILDINGS
- FOOD AND DRINKS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – A.B. Barret Hall (BRT) 2 – A.B. Morris Hall (MOR) 3 – ACU Press and Leafwood Publishers (B05 and B06) 4 – ACU Museum, Jennings House (JEN) 5 – Adams Hall (ADH) 6 – Advanced Research Center (ARC) 7 – Anthony Field at Wildcat Stadium (WLD) 8 – Beauchamp Amphitheatre (AMP) 9 – Beach Volleyball Courts 10 – Bonneau Family Indoor Batting Facility (BON) 11 – Boone Family Theatre (THR) 12 – Brown Library, Learning Commons, AT&T Learning Studio, Starbucks Adams Center for Teaching and Learning (LIB) 13 – Bullock Hall (BKH) 14 – Byron Nelson Clubhouse (NGC) and Golf Practice Facility 15 – Chapel on the Hill 16 – Coach Don W. Hood Fieldhouse (TFF) 17 – Computer Service Center (B10) 18 – Crutcher Scott Field (CSF) 19 – Dillard Hall (DLH) 20 – Dillard Science and Engineering Research Center (DEC) 21 – Don H. Morris Center (DMC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 – Duncum Center (DUN) 23 – Eager Tennis Pavilion (EAG) 24 – Edwards Hall (EDW) 25 – Engineering and Physics Laboratories at Bennett Gymnasium (BEN) 26 – Elmer Gray Stadium (ELG) 27 – Faubus Fountain Lake 28 – Faulkner Meditation Garden 29 – Flag Plaza 30 – Galaxy Park 31 – GATA Fountain 32 – Gilbreth-Scott Teamroom (GST) 33 – God’s Messenger Sculpture 34 – Gray Stadium Throwing Events (GTE) 35 – Halbert-Walling Research Center (HAL) 36 – Hardin Administration Building (ADM) 37 – Hope for the Future Sculpture 38 – Hunter Welcome Center (HWC) 39 – Jacob’s Dream Sculpture Site 40 – Jones Tennis Building (JTB) 41 – Labyrinth, Rich Welcome Plaza 42 – Larry Sanders Intramural Fields (SIF) 43 – Lean on Me Sculpture 44 – Lunsford Foundation Trail 45 – Lunsford Overlook 46 – Mabee Business Building (MBB) 47 – Mabee Hall (MAB) 48 – McDaniel House (DAN) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 49 – McGlothlin Campus Center, The Campus Store, Wildcat Central, World Famous Bean (MCG) 50 – McKinzie Hall (MCK) 51 – Medical and Counseling Care Center 52 – Money Student Recreation and Wellness Center (MRW) 53 – Moody Coliseum and Anthony Arena (COL) 54 – Moore House, eHub (MRE) 55 – Nelson Hall (NEL) 56 – Nichois House (NIC) 57 – North House (NRT) 58 – Nursing Annex (B13) 59 – Omega Point Sculpture 60 – Onstead-Packer Biblical Studies Building (BSB) 61 – Onstead Science Center (OSC) 62 – OT Learning Center (B07-09) 63 – Phillips Education Building (EDB) 64 – Physical Resources Building (PRB) 65 – Police Department (B04) 66 – Powell Fitness Center (PFC) 67 – Sewell Theatre (SWL) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 68 – Sherrod Building (SHB) 69 – Shore Art Gallery (SHO) 70 – Siggie Pavilion 71 – Sikes Hall (SIK) 72 – Smith Hall (SMH) 73 – Soccer and Softball Fieldhouse (SSF) 74 – Softball Batting Building (HEF) 75 – Stevens Park 76 – Teague Center (TEC) 77 – The Ascension Trailhead 78 – Tower of Light 79 – University Mail and Copy Center (B14) 80 – University Park Apartments (UPA) 81 – Vanderpool Building (VAN B12) 82 – Wally Bullington Practice Field 83 – Wells Field (WEL) 84 – Wessel Hall (WIL) 85 – Wildcat Disc Golf Course 86 – Wildcat Way 87 – Williams Performing Arts Center (WPA) 88 – Willingham Way 89 – Witt House (WIT) 90 – Zellner Hall (ZEL) 91 – Zona Luce Building (ZON) |
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Lodging

There are many available hotels in the area but those closest to ACU are listed below. You can also make reservations through this link: <https://reservations.arestravel.com/hotel/list/8941>

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 1802 E. Overland Trail, Abilene, TX

Comfort Suites, 1902 E. Overland Trail, Abilene, TX

Hampton Inn and Suites, 3526 W. Lake Rd, Abilene, TX

Residence Inn, 1641 E. Musgrave Blvd, Abilene TX

TownePlace Suites, 2141 Scottish Rd, Abilene, TX

Holiday Inn - North College Area, 3525 West Lake Rd, Abilene, TX Courtyard by Marriott, 2141 Scottish Rd, Abilene, TX

Restaurants

There are many options for fast food and sit down dining within one mile of ACU. Below are a few of our favorites.

Judge Ely between EN 16th and EN 10th

- McDonalds
- Rosas
- Schlotskys
- Chicken Express
- McAlisters
- Subway
- KFC

Allen Ridge, on Judge Ely just north of campus

- Cork and Pig
- Biscuit Bar
- Bahama Bucks
- Fuzzy's Tacos
- Phoenix Pho
- Twisted Root Burger

On 351 and I-20 by Walmart

- Canes
- Chick Fil-A
- Starbucks
- Oscar's Mexican Restaurant
- Chili's
- Taco Casa
- Cracker Barrel
- Panda Express
- Jason's Deli