Community Resource (CR) Classes

The <u>Community Resource (CR) Program</u> facilitates innovative learning experiences in the community with qualified, volunteer instructors or coursework at UM for students in all of the Ann Arbor Public Schools high schools. These classes are recorded on each student's official transcript and are factored into their GPA.

AAPS high school credit for Internships, UM classes, independent studies with community volunteers, volunteer service. Counts as a class for full time status. WHAT *IS* A CR CLASS?



- A contracted learning experience established between a student (or multiple students) and a qualified volunteer instructor
- Guided by a prepared syllabus establishing: learning objectives, timelines, and assessment of goals
- Meets elective credit or content-specific graduation requirements
 - Students take district-wide Common Assessments (when applicable)
- Monitored by an Ann Arbor Public School teacher

For details and to apply visit the

CR website

Advantages:

- Create a more flexible daily school schedule
- Experience UM classes, if you have a 3.5 or higher GPA
- Get credit for real world experiential learning as one of your six classes
- Explore career interests
- In-depth study in topics you enjoy

TO CREATE A CR CLASS



Steps:

1. Find a Community Resource Volunteer Instructor.

Instructors could be a neighbor, family member, business

contact, former teacher, etc... They can be qualified by being

- an expert (in a craft or trade)
- a native speaker of a world language
- a working professional in the field
- a professor at a local university
- Instructors *cannot be paid* for their services

Most instructors need to submit a Volunteer Certification Form (background check). The instructor must agree to work with the student for 2–3 hours a week. An additional 2–3 hours a week can be independent student work time. 2. Students work with their

instructor to create a course

syllabus. Use the <u>CR syllabus template</u>

or the syllabus provided by your UM instructor

3. Students apply for a CR course

- Students complete a Google Form Application and are assigned a CR monitor
- Students submit the syllabus to the CR monitor by email and, if necessary, a volunteer certification form
 The AAPS teacher/CR Monitor will approve the syllabus or offer feedback for revisions.