

Frequently Asked Questions

What is an “inside-out” class?

An inside-out class is a class taught as part of the Inside Out prison Exchange Program (see <https://www.insideoutcenter.org/>). This program, which has taken place at colleges and universities around the country, brings together “outside,” i.e., campus-based students, like you, together with students inside a corrections facility. The purpose is to “facilitate discussion and dialogue across profound social differences.” As the web site explains, inside-out classes “ignite enthusiasm for learning—encouraging participants to find their unique voice and to consider how they can make a change in the world.”

Where does this particular inside-out class meet?

The UA students in the [Un]class, A Community of Voices, meet as fellow students with women currently living at the Summit County Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) in Akron.

It is just 1.3 miles from UA campus! 264 E. Crosier St., Akron, OH. 44311

When does this class meet?

This is a short 8 week II course. We meet **face to face only on Tuesdays** at Summit County CBCF, 2-4:30. The first Tuesday of the 8 week session, March 9, 2027, we will meet in a classroom in Kolbe Hall. The remaining Tuesdays will be at the CBCF.

What if I don’t have my own car to get to the facility?

No problem! Transportation should not stop a student from registering. We can carpool. It’s a very short drive.

What if I have another class that runs until 1:30?

No problem. You will have plenty of time to get to Cliff Skeen by the start of our class.

Why should I take this class?

As you can see from the description above, this course will open your eyes, change your worldview, enable you to find your voice, and provide the joy and satisfaction of engaging in a class that seeks to contribute to positive change in the Akron community. And—you can list it on your resumé!

Still have questions?

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