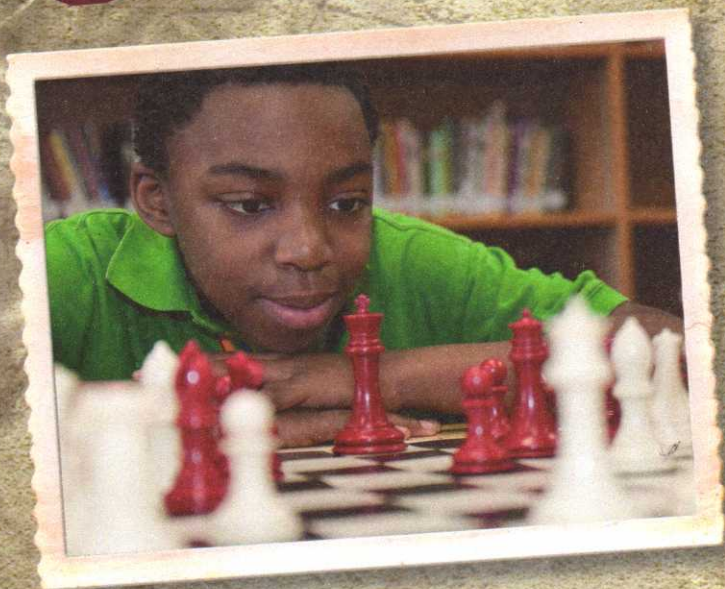


**EVERY MOVE
COUNTS**



**A CHESS IN
EDUCATION
PROJECT**

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA



WHAT IS IT?

EVERY MOVE COUNTS is a UA course that examines educational disparities and reforms while positively impacting the lives of local children through the game of chess.

In addition to class discussions and coursework, students will develop lesson plans and teach children chess at area schools in collaboration with Freedom Chess Academy, a Tuscaloosa non-profit organization.

WHY CHESS?

Extensive educational research* shows chess improves reading, English and math scores, general intelligence, self-esteem, analytic skills and concentration abilities.

In academically at-risk children, additional benefits often include increased motivation and school attendance, better behavior and improved self control. Since gender, ethnic background, socio-economic status and spoken language are irrelevant to the game, chess brings together diverse groups of children, helping them build friendships they might not have formed otherwise.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Any UA student who enjoys chess, is interested in learning about its role in education (as well as educational disparities and reforms in general) and wants to be involved in bettering the lives of area children.

*See cesr.ua.edu/programsandactivities/everymovecounts.html

WHAT ARE THE COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND WHAT CREDIT WILL I RECEIVE?

Every Move Counts is a 2-credit independent study comprised of classroom instruction and community service at local schools. The class meets once per week for two hours, and each student also devotes two hours per week to teaching children chess.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

The course was formed through a partnership between the University of Alabama Center for Ethics & Social Responsibility and Freedom Chess Academy, whose mission is promoting chess training and play in West Alabama. FCA members train students to teach chess, while the Center oversees the course and coordinates activities in participating schools.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Register for UH-400: Every Move Counts or contact the UA Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at cesr@ua.edu or 205-348-6493.



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