2018-2019 CROSS-COLLEGE CHALLENGE (XCC)

AT THE CROSSROADS OF THEORY AND PRACTICE

The BU Cross-College Challenge is a distinctive one-semester, 4-credit elective course open to juniors and seniors from all 10 undergraduate schools and colleges and a rare opportunity to meet students from across the campus. No pre-requisites required.

XCC offers a unique project-based learning experience in which interdisciplinary student teams from across BU’s undergraduate colleges tackle real-world problems and develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. Students from any major will collaborate with both on- and -off campus clients to explore challenges impacting BU and the City of Boston in areas such as arts management, technology, entrepreneurship, sustainability, and beyond.

MORE INFORMATION AT: bu.edu/xcc

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING AT ITS BEST

Projects are proposed by clients from many sources including faculty, staff, alumni, entrepreneurs, and non-profits. An interdisciplinary team of approximately 5 students addresses a substantial problem and produces a tangible product (physical object, film, exhibition, website, work of art, essay, etc.)

PROJECT

5 STUDENTS

2 FACULTY

1 CLIENT

2 faculty members supervise each team to ensure that the 4 learning outcomes are contextualized in the development process and throughout the duration of the project.

4 LEARNING OUTCOMES

- CREATIVITY / INNOVATION
- ORAL COMMUNICATION
- RESEARCH and INFORMATION LITERACY
- TEAMWORK / COLLABORATION
PREPARE FOR TOMORROW’S WORLD

Your experiences today will prepare you for the future. The workforce will call for a contemporary set of skills and competencies which include critical thinking, effective communication, analytical problem-solving, and the ability to innovate in a rapidly changing interconnected world.

Employers will expect you to be career-ready, and the XCC is designed to provide you with those interdisciplinary experiences that will not only stand out on your resume but prepare you for years of personal and professional success.

Below is a sample list of course activities:

- Introduction to Learning Outcomes
- Client Meetings and Status Updates
- Developing Team and Project Contracts
- Information Literacy Workshop
- Team Check-Ins with Faculty
- Ideation Exercises
- Practice Sessions for Public Speaking
- Peer Feedback
- After Action Review
- Evaluation of Teamwork/Collaboration
- Final Presentations to Clients

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