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BU HUB REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

BIOLOGY

26 units in approximately 10–12 courses | Hub courses can also count toward majors and minors

In the Hub, you will explore a broad array of disciplines and ways of thinking as you prepare to navigate an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

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See reverse for suggestions on completing specific Hub requirements.

Hubs You MAY Fulfill Through Your Major

- Philosophical Inquiry and Life's Meanings (1 unit)
- Historical Consciousness (1 unit)
- Social Inquiry I (1 unit)
- Ethical Reasoning (1 unit)
- Writing-Intensive Course (2 units)
- Oral and/or Signed Communication (1 unit)
- Digital/Multimedia Expression (1 unit)
- Creativity/Innovation (2 units)

Hubs You Need to Get Outside of Your Major

- First-Year Writing Seminar (1 unit)
- Writing, Research, and Inquiry (1 unit)
- Aesthetic Exploration (1 unit)
- The Individual in Community (1 unit)
- Global Citizenship and Intercultural Literacy (2 units)

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The Cross-College Challenge (XCC), the BU Hub's signature experience, is a 4-credit course available to juniors and seniors that fulfills 4 units. One preapproved cocurricular learning experience can fulfill 1 unit.

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BU summer courses fulfill Hub units; transfer courses do not (but will fulfill major/minor requirements if pre-approved)

Hub Unit	Suggested Courses/Opportunities
Philosophical Inquiry and Life's Meanings (PLM)	BI 225, BI 407, BI 423, CC 202
Aesthetic Exploration (AEX)	CC 101, CC 201
Historical Consciousness (HCO)	BI 206, BI 216, BI 302, BI 414, BI 475
Social Inquiry 1 or 2 (SO1 or SO 2)	MA 121, BI 414, PS 101, PS 261, SO 100, SO 215, some SBB electives
Individual in Community (IIC)	PS 261, SO 100, WR 111, many CAS language courses
Global Citizenship and Intercultural Literacy (GCI) (2 units needed)	WR 112, many CAS language courses, CC 102
Ethical Reasoning (ETR)	BI 293, BI 306, BI 309, BI 407, BI 448, BI 525, BI 535, PS 101, SO 215, CC 202 (Core Curriculum)
First Year Writing (FYW)	WR 120, CC 101 (Core Curriculum)
Writing, Research, and Inquiry (WRI)	WR 151, WR 152, WR 153, CC 201, EN 220
Writing-Intensive (WIN) (2 units needed)	BI 116, BI 218, BI 225, BI 311, BI 315, BB 422, BI 565, BI 352, BI 452, BI 509, CC 102, CC 202
Oral/Signed Communication (OSC)	BI 225, BI 230, BI 293, BI 341, BI 350, BI 401, BI 448, BI 450, BI 481, BI 500, BI 509, BI 525, BI 535, BI 542, BI 565, BI 589, Marine Semester, WR 151, CC 102
Digital/Multimedia Communication (DME)	BI 303, BI 310, BI 497, BI 498, BI 556, BI 586, WR 152
Creativity/Innovation (CRI) (2 units needed)	BI 293, BI 310, BI 347, BI 351, BI 352, BB 422, BI 451, BI 452, BI 556, BI 586, Marine Semester, CS 111, CC 101, WR 153

Notes:

- All courses noted are CAS courses.
- Check non-departmental electives allowed for your major for additional opportunities to cover Hubs.
- At least one psychology and one sociology course is recommended for pre-health students. Students should check with the Pre-Professional Advising Office for specific course recommendations.
- These are not the only ways of fulfilling these units. You can choose to take a course solely for Hubs. We usually describe a course of this kind as a "Hub course".