

About the CFA Advising Worksheet

The CFA Advising worksheet comprises several parts:

- **The Semester Planner** is designed for students to look at their program semester by semester. Required courses are included as well as suggested slots for electives. While an individual student's course trajectory may differ slightly, following this plan will keep a student on track for on-time graduation.
- **The Hub Planner** allows students to keep track of their completed Hub units; "internal" Hub courses that students will satisfy through major requirements are pre-filled. The complete list of Hub units is available on this sheet and online at bu.edu/hub
- **The Elective Credit Guide** (SOT/SVA only) is organized by requirement and allows students to monitor their elective credits to ensure they are completing the appropriate number of electives in the categories required by their specific major.

When you choose electives, fill in the course number and name in the semester planner and elective guide, and the Hub units in the Hub planner. Keep this sheet updated and bring it to your advisor each time you register for classes.

Completing the Hub

There are two kinds of Hub units, those in the five capacities, and those in the intellectual toolkit plus writing intensive. A 4-credit Hub course will *typically* satisfy two regular units and one intellectual toolkit or writing intensive unit.

Students have several 4-credit courses in their programs devoted to satisfying Hub units, noted in the **semester planner** on this worksheet. Each of these can satisfy at most two regular units and one intellectual toolkit / writing intensive unit (2 + 1 rule). Students should have space for an additional one or two electives throughout their program, particularly in the senior year, which may be used to satisfy remaining Hub requirements if needed.

Know that some elective courses offered by CFA that fulfill major elective requirements will also satisfy Hub units. Consult the Hub website, the Student Link, and your Academic Advisor for information about "internal" electives that may fulfill Hub units.

Finding Hub Courses

As students are choosing their electives, both internally and externally, they should look for courses that interest them and satisfy the Hub units that remain unfilled in the Hub planner. Here are three ways to learn more about Hub courses:

Course Descriptions Search: <https://www.bu.edu/phpbin/course-search/> (available on Student Link under "Academics")

- The search tool allows you to search by specific Hub units. It will default to show courses only for the semester you select, which defaults to next semester. If you want to plan ahead and see all the possible courses you might take in later semesters, change this to "All semesters."
- Check the scheduling of courses you are interested in and compare them to the scheduling of required courses in your major.

BU Bulletin: <http://www.bu.edu/academics>

- The BU Bulletin offers a listing of courses within departments; this will be useful to research "internal" elective options, or get a sense of which Hub units certain departments might fulfill.

Information about the Hub: <http://www.bu.edu/hub>

- This website has a lot of information, including details about the educational philosophy and design of the Hub, tips, and links to other resources. You can also find lists of Hub courses on this website; however, the Course Descriptions Search listed above will provide more complete and up-to-date information.

Hub Unit Abbreviation Guide

PLM Philosophical Inquiry and Life's Meanings
AEX Aesthetic Exploration
HCO Historical Consciousness
S11 Scientific Inquiry 1
SO1 Social Inquiry 1
S12/SO2 Scientific Inquiry 2 or Social Inquiry 2
QR1 Quantitative Reasoning 1
QR2 Quantitative Reasoning 2
IIC The Individual in Community
GCI Global Citizenship & Intercultural Literacy (2 units required)

ETR Ethical Reasoning
FYW First Year Writing Seminar
WRI Research, Writing, and Inquiry
OSC Oral and/or Signed Communication
DMC Digital/Multimedia Communication
WIN Writing Intensive (2 units required)
CRT Critical Thinking (2 units required)
RIL Research & Information Literacy (2 units required)
TWC Teamwork/Collaboration (2 units required)
CRI Creativity/Innovation (2 units required)