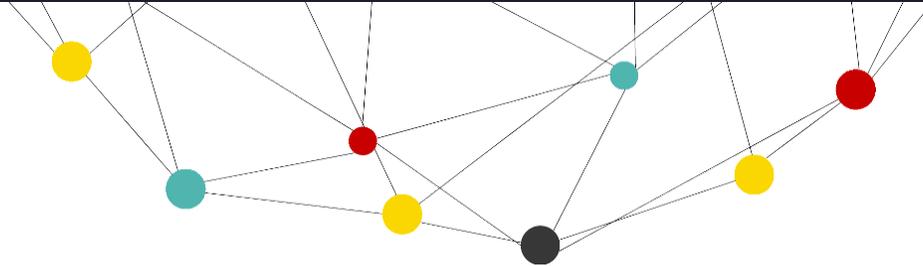


BU HUB SPOTLIGHT

Highlighting Innovative Teaching and Learning in the Hub



Dear Colleagues,

We hope you enjoyed the break between semesters, and that your spring semester has started well! In this issue of the Hub Spotlight, you'll find information about the spring Hub Programmatic Assessment Zoom information session, a new book chapter that features the Hub and world readiness, two cocurricular highlights, and a highlight from the fall 2025 Experiential Learning Expo.

Speaking of the Expo, student projects from the BU Hub Cross-College Challenge, the Learning Assistant Program, and the Computing & Data Sciences (CDS) Duan Family Spark! Initiative will be featured again at the spring 2026 Experiential Learning Expo on Friday, May 1, from 3-7 pm in the Duan Family Center for Computing & Data Sciences.

Warm Regards,

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Latest Hub Updates

Hub Programmatic Assessment

As announced in the provost's memo on Hub assessment (dated September 5, 2025), [programmatic assessment of the BU Hub](#) on a five-year cycle began this academic year (2025-26). The two Hub Capacities designated for assessment in this first year of the

cycle are Philosophical, Aesthetic, and Historical Interpretation (PAHI) and Quantitative Reasoning (QR).

To support this process, the Hub and Assessment teams are holding the second of two Zoom information sessions this semester on Thursday, March 5, 3-4 pm. Please [register](#) to attend a session or visit [the Hub website](#) for more information about the assessment plan.

The Hub to be Featured in Upcoming Book on Fostering Student Success

This April, John Hopkins University Press will publish [*The Equity-Excellence Imperative in Action: Fostering Student Success in Higher Education*](#), featuring a chapter by BU's David Carballo, Amie Grills, and Lynn O'Brien Hallstein. Their chapter, "Preparing for World Readiness through Integrative General Education: The BU Hub, a Case Study from Boston University," overviews the initial launch and the first six years of the Hub, including the successes and challenges encountered along the way and the results from the first round of assessment efforts and new directions emerging from these efforts.



Did You Know?

Since spring 2025, 127 students have enrolled in 11 sections of [HUB CC 299](#), the new Hub cocurricular that brings juniors and seniors together to reflect on how their Hub learning can support their career interests.

Hub Specialty Courses

What are Hub Specialty courses? In addition to Hub courses, the Hub offers several distinct and innovative kinds of specialty courses that encourage exploration, introduce students to engaging topics, and allow faculty to connect across schools and colleges.

[Learn more about Hub Specialty Courses.](#)

Latest Innovate@BU Hub Cocurricular Supports First-Year Students

Since 2018, [Innovate@BU](#) has been developing [Hub cocurriculars](#) that provide engaging learning experiences around social entrepreneurship and innovation, fulfill the Creativity/Innovation Hub area, and are very popular with students. Now, Innovate@BU Program Director for Student Innovation Nana Younge has created a new experience, HUB CC 165: First-Year Innovation Fellowship Experience (FYIF), designed exclusively for first-year students to come together as a cohort and explore innovation early in their BU journey. Fellows develop a new creative idea or build on an existing one and strengthen their problem-solving and entrepreneurial skills while connecting with peers, mentors, faculty, and local changemakers across BU and the city of Boston. HUB CC 165 builds upon the [First-Year Innovation Fellowship program](#) developed by Innovate in 2019 and is running for the first time as a Hub cocurricular in spring 2026.



Cross-College Challenge team To Walk or to Balk: BU's 1970 Commencement Controversy presents their historical role-playing game at the fall 2025 Experiential Learning Expo. Developed as a semester-long project in the HUB XC 411 A1 Back to the Past: Gaming and Design for Immersive Role Play class, the game was accepted by the Reacting to the Past consortium, through Barnard College. Over 400 colleges and universities are members of the consortium where these historical games are used in flipped classrooms to explore important social, political, historical, and cultural debates.

Stay in the Loop with the BU Hub

Our hope is that the BU Hub lives up to its name as a central node on campus that helps to keep us all connected. We would love to hear from you about your Hub courses and experiences! Please share your Hub stories and resources with us by sending a note to thehub@bu.edu.

Want to learn more about the Hub? Please visit our website at www.bu.edu/hub.

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