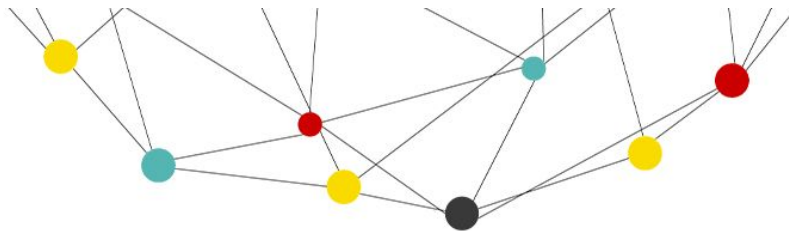


BU HUB SPOTLIGHT

Highlighting Innovative Teaching and Learning in the Hub



Dear Colleagues,

We hope you are enjoying the start of the academic year. In this issue of the Hub Spotlight, you will find an overview of the five-year review of Hub courses, Hub Course/Cocurricular deadlines for AY 2024-2025, and a reminder about the Hub Course Enhancement Fund. This issue also provides exciting Hub updates: new learning outcomes on social and racial justice in the Diversity, Civic Engagement, and Global Citizenship capacity; a new first-year Hub cocurricular on wellbeing, belonging, and BU resources and opportunities; and a new Hub video resource for faculty that introduces the Hub. The issue also highlights a call for faculty interested in developing new Cross-College Challenge (XCC) courses, an announcement about the Fall Hub & Pub for faculty in their first, second, or third year at Fuller's BU Pub on October 5, and an upcoming Advising Network Terriers Connect training opportunity.

All the best,

Lynn O'Brien Hallstein
Assistant Provost for General Education
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Teaching Across the Disciplines

Five-Year Review of Hub Courses

This year, the University Council General Education Committee (GEC) begins the five-year review of Hub courses. All courses that have been in the Hub for five years are up for

review. Details about the review and the process can be found [on the Hub website](#).

We are here to help!

The Hub Office and Assistant Provost Lynn O'Brien Hallstein are available to answer questions and/or to discuss the five-year review process. Please email thehub@bu.edu with any inquiries.



Amanda Urias, managing director of the BU Hub, and Davide Nardi, administrative coordinator for the Cross-College Challenge, talk about Hub opportunities with students during the Explore the Possibilities Fair at Marsh Plaza on September 6, 2023.

Hub Course/Cocurricular Proposal Deadlines for AY 2024-2025

BU Hub course and cocurricular proposal submission deadlines for Hub offerings beginning in AY 2024-2025 are **November 15, 2023** (fall, fall/spring, and summer courses) and **March 15, 2024** (spring-only courses). These are also the deadlines for any Hub proposals being submitted for the five-year review. For more details, please visit the [Approval Process & Deadlines](#) section in the Faculty & Staff area of the BU Hub website.

Hub Course Consultations Available

Looking for guidance in developing or teaching your Hub course? The BU Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL) offers consultations to faculty working on Hub courses at any stage of development. To schedule a consultation, visit [the CTL website](#) or [drop in via Zoom](#) during CTL fall office hours on Fridays, 12-1:30 pm.



Did You Know?

Each Hub area within the Diversity, Civic Engagement, and Global Citizenship capacity has [a new learning outcome](#) focused on social and racial justice.

Cross-College Challenge (XCC)



Call for New Cross-College Challenge Courses

Are you interested in developing a new XCC course? In our rapidly changing world, the BU Cross-College Challenge (XCC) is now seeking faculty to propose a new co-taught, *interdisciplinary*, *project-focused* course in fall 2024 to add to the portfolio of offerings. Priority areas to be considered for development are:

- Data Science
- Public Health
- Racial Equity and Social Justice
- Sustainability and Climate Change

Proposal deadline: December 31, 2023

Stipend: \$2000

[Project Proposal Form](#)

The Cross-College Challenge is open to all full-time BU faculty from the Charles River, Medical, and Fenway Campuses.

For more information, please visit: bu.edu/xcc/get-involved/faculty/.

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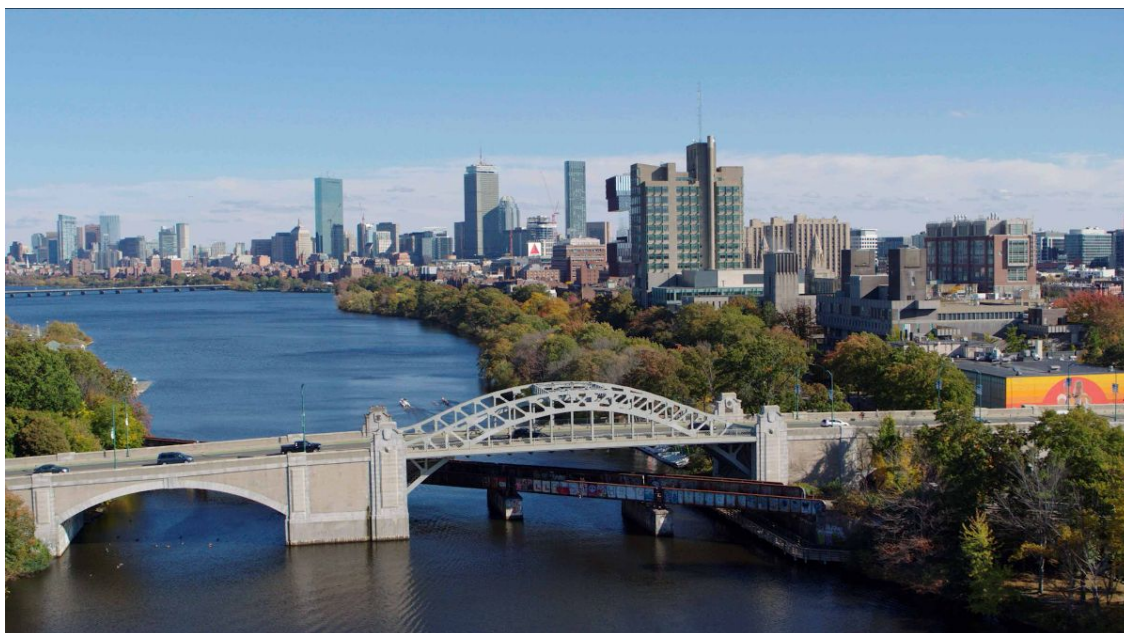
Hub Cocurriculars

New Hub Cocurricular for First-Years Focuses on Wellbeing and Belonging

This fall, the Hub is offering for the first time HUB CC 127: How to BU, [a cocurricular](#) for first-year students that focuses on fostering wellbeing and belonging in college and introduces students to academic resources and opportunities across campus. The experience, which has eight sections this semester, was created as a joint effort between Student Wellbeing and the Office of Undergraduate Affairs. Laura Johnson, assistant provost for undergraduate affairs, explains that “students do better academically and personally when they are equipped with strategies to take care of their wellbeing and when they find a sense of community and belonging.”

Students who enroll in How to BU participate in weekly meetings that are highly interactive, allowing them to engage with a diverse group of peers, share their experiences, and develop new skills. In addition to helping students understand BU’s framework for wellbeing, the cocurricular highlights high-impact educational practices at BU and engages students in conversation about how they can explore them. John Medina, an assistant director of first-year success who is leading a section of How to BU this fall, notes that through the group discussions, he encourages students to speak up and recognize the value of their individual voices. Throughout the semester, students reflect on the dynamic relationships between their identity and the community around them allowing them to fulfill a Hub requirement in The Individual in Community.

Hub Resources



New Hub Video Resource for Faculty

Check out the [new Hub video resource](#) for faculty that introduces the Hub and includes testimonials from faculty on how the Hub has helped them reimagine their courses.

Hub Course Enhancement Fund

The Hub Course Enhancement Fund provides support so that faculty can experiment with innovative approaches to teaching one or more BU Hub areas or take advantage of special opportunities for exciting learning experiences in Hub courses.

All BU faculty teaching Hub classes may apply for funding. Expenses might include those associated with attending cultural events, engaging with local communities, or materials needed to incorporate more experiential, collaborative, or project-based pedagogy into a Hub course. Awards are capped at \$500 and approved on a rolling basis. For more information and to apply, please see the [BU Center for Teaching & Learning website](#).

Upcoming Events

Fall Hub & Pub for New Faculty

Thursday, October 5, 2023

4-6 pm

Location: Fuller's BU Pub, 225 Bay State Road, Boston, MA 02215

Join us for the [Fall Hub & Pub](#) for faculty in their first, second, or third year at BU. At this informal event, you will have a chance to meet and mingle with colleagues from across BU, chat about teaching, and learn about the [BU Hub](#). We hope to provide a forum for faculty to develop networks around teaching! Refreshments will include appetizers, wine, and beer. [Register online](#).

This event is presented by the BU Center for Teaching & Learning and the BU Hub. Faculty and staff from the Hub office and the [Center for Teaching & Learning](#) will be on hand to answer questions about proposing or teaching Hub courses.

Advising Network Terriers Connect Training

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

10 am-12 pm

Location: 100 Bay State Road, Room 545

[Undergraduate Advising](#) and the [Dean of Students' Office](#) invite faculty and staff to participate in an upcoming [Terriers Connect](#) training.

Led by Melissa Paz, assistant director of mental health promotion in [Student Health Services](#), Terriers Connect provides training on how to identify students in distress and refer them to mental health professionals.

After completing the training, you will be certified as a “gatekeeper.” Gatekeepers are not therapists or clinicians, but part of a network of BU community members outside of Behavioral Medicine who are trained in how to guide students to mental health services.

Please [RSVP](#) to attend.

AI in Education: The Student View with Digital Learning & Innovation

Thursday, October 19, 2023

1-2 pm

Location: Online

How are students viewing and using generative AI? Join [Digital Learning & Innovation](#) for this conversation with a range of students as they discuss how they and their peers are using AI, their questions and concerns about the technology, and their opinions on how higher education might prepare students for workplaces that utilize AI.

[Register online.](#)

Digital by Design: Developing Multimedia Assignments for Your Courses Lightning Talk

Friday, November 3, 2023

12:15 pm-1:15 pm

Location: Online

Save the date for a faculty-driven Lightning Talk co-hosted by the Center for Teaching & Learning, Digital Learning & Innovation, and the BU Hub. This conversation will explore approaches to incorporating multimedia assignments into courses.

[Register online.](#)

AI and Learning Assessment with Digital Learning & Innovation

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

11 am-12 pm

Location: Online

How does generative AI impact assignment design and assessment practices? Join [Digital Learning & Innovation](#) to explore how AI can assist with designing assessment tasks, creating rubrics, and providing feedback. We will begin with framing principles followed by examples utilized by faculty at BU and beyond.

[Register online.](#)



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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