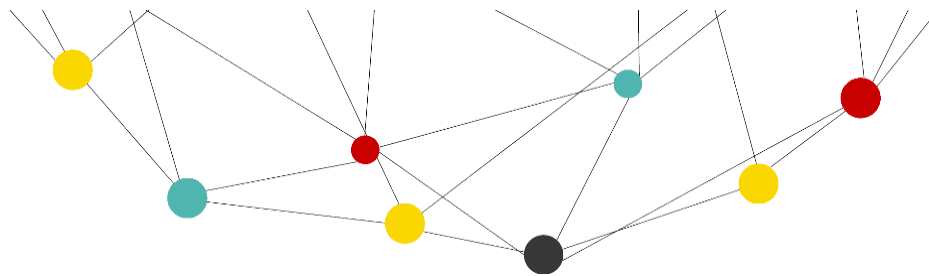


BU HUB SPOTLIGHT

Highlighting Innovative Teaching and Learning in the Hub



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the start of another academic year! As the general education program of Boston University, the BU Hub impacts each of our undergraduate students. The Hub Spotlight is a quarterly newsletter sent to all faculty and staff to share news and provide helpful information for each of you as you support our undergraduate students, whether as a faculty member, advisor, or staff member in any other capacity.

Read on to learn more about the latest Hub updates, programs, and events slated for this fall. We hope you find this a valuable resource.

All the best,

Lynn O'Brien Hallstein
Assistant Provost for General Education
Professor of Rhetoric, College of General Studies

Latest Hub Updates

Annual Five-Year Review of Hub Courses

This year, the University Council General Education Committee (GEC) continues its annual 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](#).

Several resources are available to help faculty and programs in the annual five-year review of Hub courses, including the following:

- **Virtual Hub Office Hours**, Wednesdays, 11 am-12 pm for CourseLeaf questions
- **Workshops** on the Annual Five-Year Review of Hub courses
 - **Register for October 2 Workshop**, 12-1 pm
 - **Register for October 3 Workshop**, 3:30-4:30 pm
- **BU Hub Review Grants**: to support the review of Hub courses at the program/department level

Please contact the thehub@bu.edu with any questions about the annual five-year review of Hub courses.



Amanda Urias, managing director of the BU Hub, and Shannon Featherston, academic program administrator for the BU Hub, talk about Hub opportunities with students during the Explore the Possibilities fair on September 5, 2024.

Hub Course/Cocurricular Proposal Deadlines for AY 2025-2026

Proposal submission deadlines for BU Hub course and cocurricular offerings beginning in AY 2025-2026 are November 15, 2024 (fall, fall/spring, and summer courses) and March 15, 2025 (spring-only courses). These are also the deadlines for any Hub proposals being

submitted for the [annual five-year review](#). For more details, please visit the [BU Hub website](#).

AAC&U Institute on AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum

The BU Hub is participating in a year-long [American Association of Colleges & Universities \(AAC&U\) Institute on AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum](#). The group, led by Assistant Provost for General Education Lynn O'Brien Hallstein, hopes to better understand AI's impact on general education pedagogy and curriculae in order to support BU faculty with AI in their Hub courses.

Hub Specialty Courses

New Hub Cocurriculars this Fall

Two new [Hub cocurriculars](#) are running this fall:

HUB CC 184, Earth House: students explore concepts and practices of sustainability, with Earth House and other BU buildings and outdoor spaces serving as objects of inquiry. Fulfills a Hub requirement in Scientific Inquiry I.

HUB CC 224, Mentoring the Engineering Community: students who serve as mentors for the ENG EK 100 program learn to build community while considering what it means to be an inclusive engineer in the world. Fulfills a Hub requirement in The Individual in Community.

0-credit Experiences Available for Students to earn GCI, IIC, and RIL

Students studying abroad can fulfill Hub requirements in Global Citizenship and Intercultural Literacy (GCI) through [HUB SA 225](#) and/or The Individual in Community (IIC) through [HUB SA 230](#).

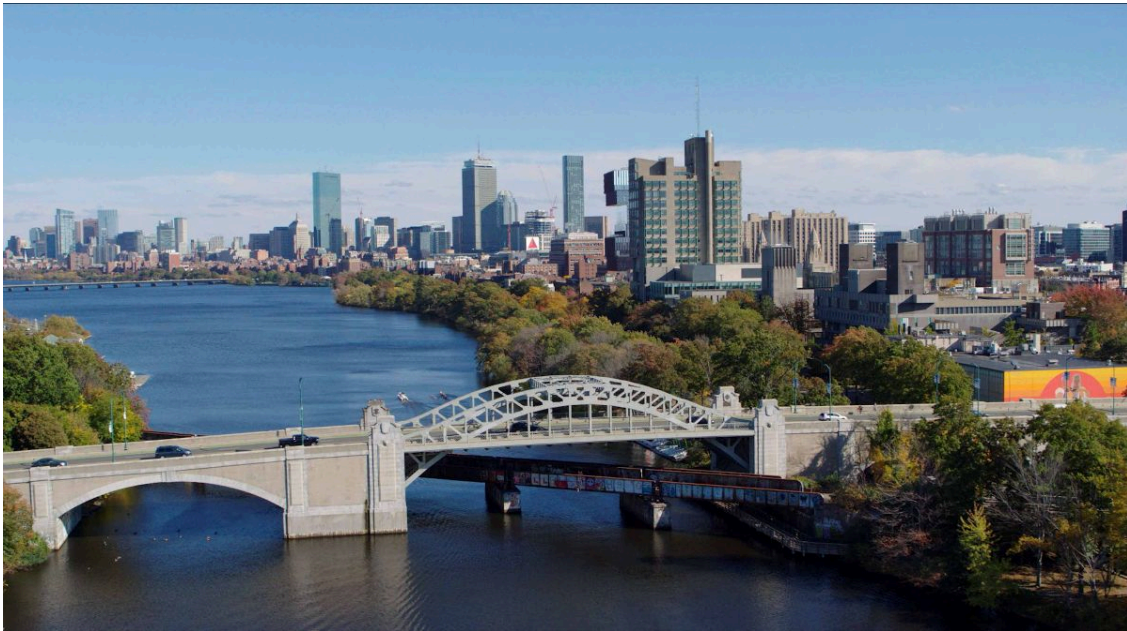
[HUB RL 401](#) allows students in an honor's thesis or directed study class to fulfill a Hub requirement in Research and Information Literacy (RIL).



Did You Know?

Four new Hub Interdisciplinary Courses are being taught this year. [Learn more.](#)

Hub Resources



Hub Video Introduction for Faculty

New to Boston University? Check out the [Hub video resource](#) for faculty that introduces the BU Hub general education program and includes testimonials from faculty on how the Hub has helped them reimagine their courses.

Additional resources about the Hub for faculty and staff can be found on the [Hub website](#).

Hub Course Enhancement Fund

The Hub Course Enhancement Fund provides up to \$500 for faculty to 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. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Upcoming Events

Workshops on the Annual Five-Year Review of Hub Courses

Wednesday, October 2, 12-1 pm

Thursday, October 3, 3:30-4:30 pm

Location: Online or in person at 775 Commonwealth Ave, GSU 512

Join us for a workshop to answer your questions about the annual five-year review of Hub courses. Two identical workshops will be offered in a hybrid mode - come in person or join online for the time that works best for you:

- [Register for the October 2 Workshop](#)
- [Register for the October 3 Workshop](#)

Fall Hub & Pub for New Faculty

Thursday, October 17, 4-6 pm

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

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](#), our general education program for all undergraduate students. Faculty and staff from the Hub office will be on hand to answer questions about proposing or teaching Hub courses.

Refreshments will include appetizers, wine, and beer. [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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