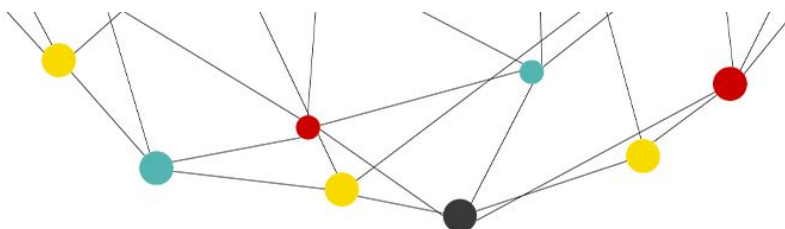




BU HUB SPOTLIGHT

Highlighting Innovative Teaching and Learning in the Hub



Spring greetings! We are excited to announce a few major initiatives involving the BU Hub in this issue of the Spotlight. First is the launch of a two-course sequence for entering first-year students on social and racial justice (HUB SJ 101/102) that we hope will become a signature offering at BU. Next are the newly formed Hub-BU Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL) Teaching Collective and Hub assessment workshop, where 45 faculty have kindly agreed to participate in four days of direct assessment of student work in the program—critical for evaluating the Hub and molding its future. Finally, if you are interested in proposing a course to meet Hub requirements, there are now links to sample syllabi available representing approved courses in all Hub areas.

Very best wishes,

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Teaching Across the Disciplines

New Hub Course on Social and Racial Justice to Be Offered in Fall 2022

The Hub is pleased to announce the launch of a new Hub course on social and racial justice, HUB SJ 101: Social and Racial Justice 1: Systems and Structures, in fall 2022. The idea for creating a Hub course focused on social and racial justice, one that could reach many or all undergraduates, was originally conceived by former Vice President and Associate Provost for Community & Inclusion Crystal Williams and School of Public Health Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Yvette Cozier. As part of the strategic planning process for the Hub, this course concept was further developed by Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs Amie Grills and Assistant Provost for General Education David Carballo. Finally, a committee that included Deborah Carr (CAS Sociology), David Carballo, Kimberly Arkin (CAS Anthropology), Felicity Crawford (Wheelock), Sophie Godley (SPH), Lynn O'Brien Hallstein (CGS), and Harvey Young (Dean, CFA) collaborated on the course design and syllabus. The course structure is a sequence of two 4-credit elective courses in which the first course, HUB SJ 101, explores the historical/systemic bases of social and racial inequity, and the second course, HUB SJ 102, focuses on how to engage in related advocacy and action. Each course will fulfill three Hub requirements. The pilot of HUB SJ 101 will be open to first-year students only in fall 2022. Many thanks to everyone for their hard work on bringing this course to fruition!

Direct Assessment of Student Learning in the Hub to Begin in May

Led by Assistant Provost for General Education David Carballo and Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs Amie Grills, and with support from the BU Center for Teaching & Learning and Assistant Provost for Academic Assessment *ad interim* Megan Sullivan, the BU Hub will conduct a 4-day assessment workshop May 16-19 that will focus on evaluation of student work in the Hub. While faculty-led programmatic assessment of the Hub curriculum has already begun using measures such as student survey, focus groups, and statistical analysis of enrollment trends, this workshop will represent the first direct assessment of the Hub curriculum and its impacts on student learning. Faculty reviewers from across campus (including members of the two committees charged with assessing the program, the Hub Council and the General Education Committee) will focus on evaluating the structure of Hub areas and their associated learning outcomes. In particular, faculty reviewers will focus on student work in courses that carry Hub areas and their associated learning outcomes in the three capacities that are most novel to general education at BU: Diversity, Civic Engagement, and Global Citizenship; Communication; and the Intellectual Toolkit.



Dean of Students Director of Student Outreach and Engagement Katy Collins (upper right) talks with students during the Hub cocurricular HUB CC 128: Belonging on Campus in fall 2021.

New Hub-CTL Teaching Collective Launched in Spring 2022

This spring, the BU Hub and the BU Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL) launched a new program, the Hub-CTL Teaching Collective, that seeks to create sustainable opportunities for faculty leadership around Hub curricula, teaching, and programming. As part of this small faculty learning community, 10 faculty fellows representing the College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Fine Arts, the College of General Studies, the College of Engineering, Sargent College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences, and Wheelock College of Education & Human Development are focusing on three areas of engagement: 1) creating and supporting innovative approaches to Hub teaching; 2) facilitating communications with colleagues about Hub topics; and 3) building sustainable faculty networks, formal and informal, related to Hub teaching. In particular, cohort members are developing individual Hub projects on a range of topics, including the creation of new assignments and grading systems, research on pedagogical strategies, the integration of new Hub areas into existing courses, and department-level analysis of Hub course offerings. To learn more about the Hub-CTL Teaching Collective and view the fellows for spring 2022, please visit the [CTL website](#).

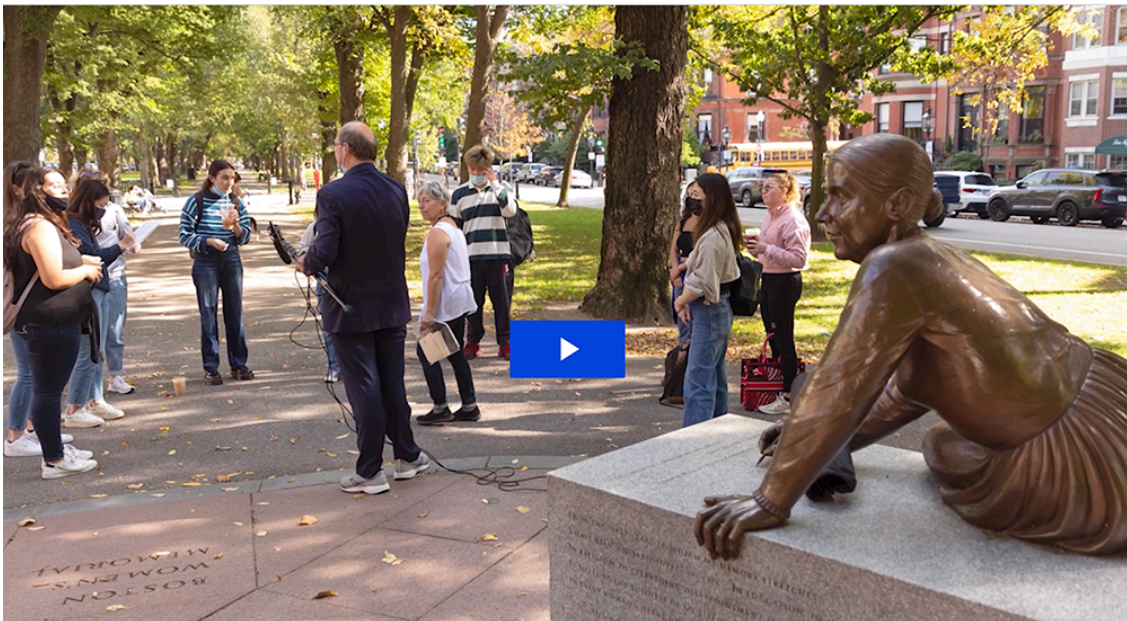


Did You Know?

As of this fall, over 1,000 students will have taken the Cross-College Challenge (XCC)!

Cross-College Challenge (XCC)

XCC Faculty Feature Video



Click above to view the XCC Faculty Feature video

Hub Resources

New Hub Resource for Students: The Hub and Your Career

In partnership with the BU Center for Career Development, the Hub has developed a new web resource for students, [The Hub and Your Career](#), which provides suggestions for how students can draw upon their Hub learning and experiences as they prepare for professional life. Please share with your students!

Sample Proposals & Syllabi for Approved Hub Courses Available for All Hub Areas

For faculty working on new Hub courses, did you know that you can find exemplar syllabi and proposals for approved Hub courses in every Hub area on the BU Hub website? Check out our updated [Examples of Approved Proposals](#) webpage, which can be a helpful resource for developing Hub courses and cocurriculars.

Communications

The Hub in the News

- The BU Hub and the Cross-College Challenge were recently highlighted in the [2021 Boston University Annual Report](#).
- The Hub cocurricular program was recently mentioned in a [BU Today article](#) that focused on how Innovate@BU is taking on the issue of college hunger this spring.
- Check out the BU Hub on social media! Follow us on Instagram (@the_bu_hub) and Twitter (@TheBUHub) for the latest Hub updates.

Upcoming Events

XCC Expo Featuring Spark! Demo Day

Thursday, May 5, 2021

5-8 pm

Location: George Sherman Union, 2nd Floor (775 Commonwealth Ave.)

Final presentations of over 40 student teams as part of the Cross-College Challenge (XCC) and BU Spark! Presenting sections include:

HUB XC 410 A1: Back to The Past

HUB XC 420 A1: Unheard Voices

HUB XC 420 B1: What Does Walkability Mean to You??

HUB XC 433 A1: Communicating Through Puppets

HUB XC 433 B1: Marketing & Social Equity In the Cannabis Industry

HUB XC 433 C1: Cross-Cultural Storytelling

*HUB XC 410 B1: Justice Media Computational Journalism Co-Lab

*HUB XC 475 A1: Spark! Innovation Fellowship Program

** These two courses will present as part of BU Spark! Demo Day.*

[Register](#) for the event.



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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