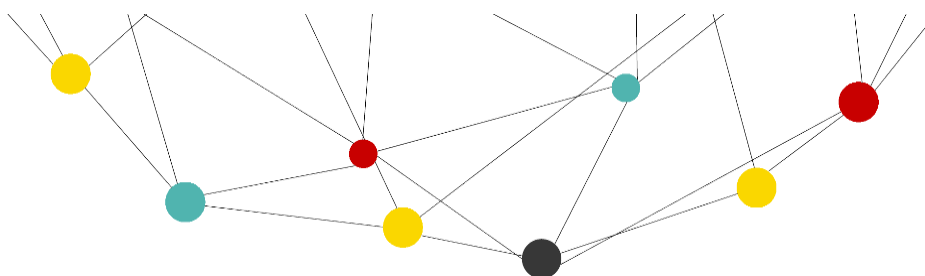


BU HUB SPOTLIGHT

Highlighting Innovative Teaching and Learning in the Hub



Dear Colleagues,

We hope you had a rejuvenating spring break. Thanks to those faculty who were able to participate in the recent BU Hub Council faculty fora and for sharing your feedback about the Hub requirement reduction proposals. You can view details about the proposals and the forum presentation slides and continue to provide feedback to the faculty of the Hub Council on the [Hub Assessment](#) webpage.

Read on for more news and Hub updates, and best of luck as we head into the second half of the spring semester.

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

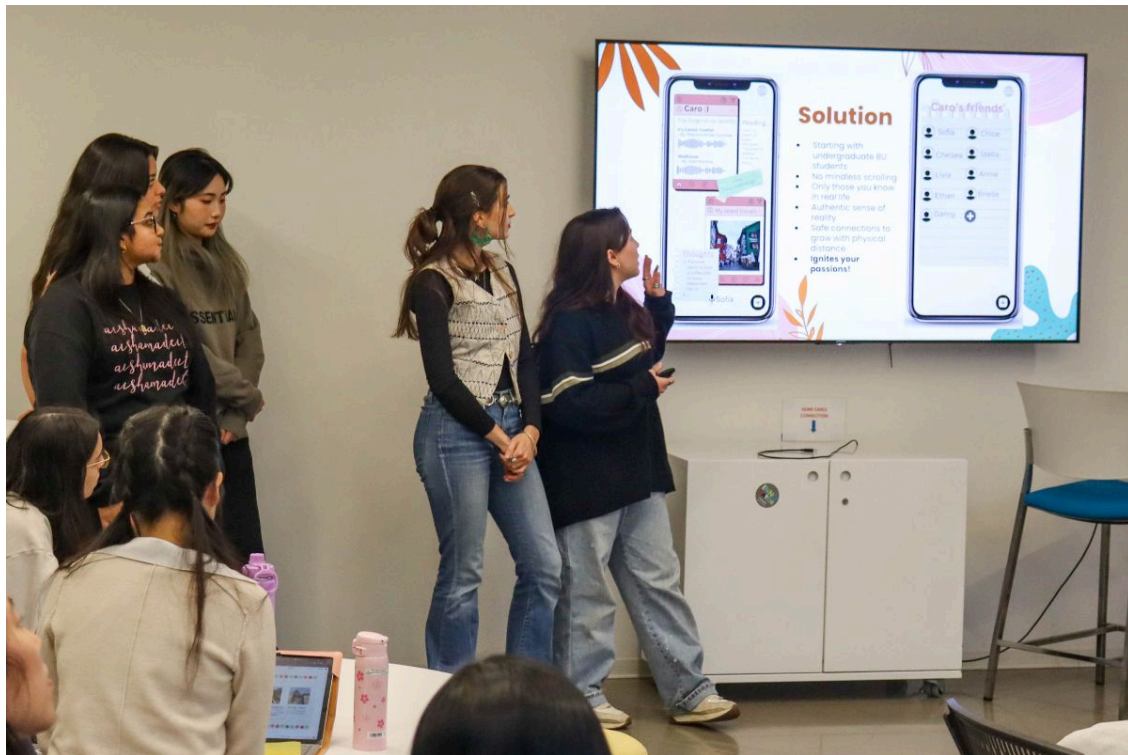
Teaching Across the Disciplines

First Course in New Hub Interdisciplinary Course Series to Be Offered this Fall!

This fall, the first in a new series of 200-level Hub interdisciplinary courses will be offered: HUB IC 203: Pitching Ideas for Success. In this introductory level course, open to all BU undergraduates, students will learn to pitch business ideas and start their own ventures while developing the skills needed to execute a business plan. Co-taught by faculty from the Questrom School of Business and the College of Communication and bridging both

fields, the course fulfills Hub requirements in Quantitative Reasoning I and Digital/Multimedia Expression. HUB IC 203 will be scheduled and available for viewing in MyBU Student in April.

This new series of courses introduces students to topics of broad appeal from a multidisciplinary perspective. These courses will also satisfy less common combinations of Hub requirements. A key goal of the initiative is for students from different schools and colleges to come together and learn about the nuanced connections found in seemingly disparate fields. Keep an eye out for additional courses in AY 2024-25!



Students present their final projects outlining an innovative product or service in the fall 2023 Hub cocurricular, Starting a Startup: Discovering and Validating Innovative Ideas, offered by Innovate@BU (photo by Shannon Featherston).

New Opportunities to Earn GCI, IIC with Study Abroad

BU undergraduates who study abroad can now fulfill a requirement in the Hub areas of the Individual in Community (IIC) and/or Global Citizenship & Intercultural Literacy (GCI) by submitting a written reflection on how they fulfilled the learning outcomes during their abroad experience. Learn more about these 0-credit courses on the [Study Abroad & the Hub](#) webpages.

Updated GEC Guidance for Hub Writing-Intensive Courses

The General Education Committee (GEC) has updated the [GEC Interpretive Document for Writing-Intensive Courses in the Hub](#). You can find this updated guidance on teaching to the Writing-Intensive Course learning outcomes as well as other GEC interpretive documents in the [Hub Curriculum Guide webpages](#) on the Hub website. All faculty members teaching or proposing courses that satisfy a Writing-Intensive Course Hub requirement are encouraged to review the updated guidance.



Did You Know?

Students can fulfill a Hub requirement in Research and Information Literacy with an honors thesis or a directed study. Learn more on the [Hub website](#).

Hub Resources

Hub Course Consultations with CTL

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 spring office hours on Fridays, 12-1 pm.



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.

Upcoming Events

A poster for a Lightning Talks Speaker Series event. The background is a dark blue gradient with a stylized, curved building facade on the right side. The text is white and yellow. The event title is in yellow, and the date and time are in white. The logo for the series is in the top right corner.

Exploring Innovations in Teaching & Technology at BU
Lightning Talks
SPEAKER SERIES

**Creativity and Innovation
in the Classroom**

Tuesday, March 19, 2024
12:15 - 1:15 PM

Creativity and Innovation in the Classroom: Lightning Talk

March 19, 2024

12:15-1:15 pm

Location: Online

How do you teach the creative process? How do students learn to innovate in a particular discipline? This Lightning Talk highlights creativity as a key aspect of intellectual inquiry across disciplines and explores the ways in which instructors from different fields approach these questions in their classrooms.

[Learn more and register.](#)

Co-hosted by the Center for Teaching & Learning, Digital Learning & Innovation, and the BU Hub

Exploring the Future of Learning at BU Faculty Forum: InnovateEDU

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

12:30-5:30 pm

Location: GSU Ballroom, 775 Commonwealth Avenue

Join the Digital Learning & Innovation Office for this year's Faculty Forum and explore the latest trends in innovative pedagogies and emerging technologies that are reshaping the contemporary landscape of education. This year's keynote speaker will be [Lilach Mollick, Ed.D., Director of Pedagogy at Wharton Interactive at the University of Pennsylvania](#). For more information, please visit our [Faculty Forum event webpage](#).

Hosted by Digital Learning & Innovation

Experiential Education Lightning Talk

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

12:15-1:15 pm

Location: Online

In Experiential Learning (EL), students apply their knowledge and skills to real-world situations. Moderated by Erin Salius, [Director of the College of Arts & Sciences Experiential Learning Connector](#), this [Lightning Talk](#) will offer models for faculty interested in exploring or enhancing EL at Boston University.

Co-hosted by the Center for Teaching & Learning and Digital Learning & Innovation

Spring Hub & Pub

Thursday, April 25, 2024

4-6 pm

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

Join faculty from across BU to connect and chat about teaching in the Hub and teaching in general! Stop by when convenient. Refreshments will include appetizers, wine, and beer.

[Learn more and register.](#)

Co-hosted by the Center for Teaching & Learning and the BU Hub

Save the Date: Experiential Learning Expo

Thursday, May 2, 2024

3-7 pm

Location: Center for Computing & Data Sciences, 665 Commonwealth Avenue, 1st and 2nd Floors

Join us for an immersive and interactive experience at BU's Experiential Learning Expo!

The Expo, presented by Boston University's Office of Undergraduate Affairs, will showcase more than 100 student projects undertaken in conjunction with the [BU Hub Cross-College Challenge \(XCC\)](#), the [Learning Assistant Program](#), and [BU Spark!](#)

To learn more, visit bu.edu/expo and check back often for more details as the event gets closer.

Hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Affairs



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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