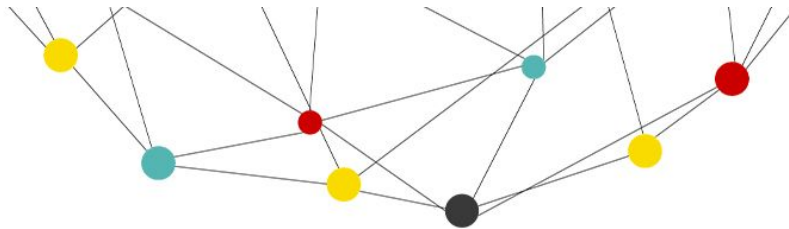

The BU Hub: General Education at Boston University



Updates on BU Hub Assessment

Faculty-guided assessment represents a critical means of evaluating the state of the BU Hub, Boston University's general education program for all undergraduates, and how well the program is meeting our goals of providing a vibrant and purposeful academic experience for students at Boston University. The Hub and its assessment were recently highlighted in an article in [the Chronicle of Higher Education](#).

Read below [and visit the Hub website](#) for an overview of assessment efforts undertaken in the last year and assessment plans for the coming year.

Changes to Hub Learning Outcomes

Based on recommendations from the 2022 faculty Hub Assessment Workshop, the faculty of the Hub Council made changes to learning outcomes of nine Hub areas to increase clarity and flexibility. These changes include an important update to the Diversity, Civic Engagement, and Global Citizenship capacity: each area within this capacity has a new optional learning outcome focused on social and racial justice. The nine Hub areas with updated learning outcomes are:

- The Individual in Community (with new outcome on social & racial justice)
- Global Citizenship and Intercultural Literacy (with new outcome on social & racial justice)
- Ethical Reasoning (with new outcome on social & racial justice)

- Writing-Intensive Course
- Digital/Multimedia Expression
- Critical Thinking
- Research and Information Literacy
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Creativity/Innovation

You can view the updated and new learning outcomes [on the Hub website](#).

Five-Year Review of Hub Courses

The [General Education Committee \(GEC\)](#), the faculty body charged with approving courses for inclusion in the Hub, is implementing a five-year review process for all Hub courses, as required by the committee charter. The goals of this review are (1) to ensure that Hub learning outcomes originally proposed for a course are still being met after five years, and (2) to provide faculty with the opportunity to reflect on their courses and how they articulate with the Hub and with the goals of their departments and programs.

Detailed information about the review process can be found on the Hub website [here](#). Questions about the five-year review process should be directed to thehub@bu.edu.

Assessment of Hub Requirement Structure

To assess the current Hub requirement structure, the faculty members of the BU Hub Council are reviewing input from student and faculty surveys, data about how students are making their way through the program, and information gathered from conversations with faculty at Hub Council, Faculty Council, and two faculty fora held in May 2023. Over the next year, this and other information will be used to inform whether they should recommend any changes to Hub requirements. To learn more or to submit feedback to the Hub Council as the faculty consider the requirement structure, visit [the Hub assessment webpage](#).

Hub Resources

The GEC continues to amend and add to its collection of interpretive documents. The most recent document, focused on Global Citizenship and Intercultural Literacy, along with the entire library is posted on [a dedicated page of the Hub Curriculum Guide](#). The faculty & staff section of the Hub website includes a number of additional helpful resources including guidelines for proposal submissions and references to guides from the Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL) on incorporating Hub areas into courses, which can be found on [the CTL website](#).

New Opportunities to Satisfy Hub Requirements

BU undergraduates can now fulfill a requirement in the Hub area Research and Information Literacy (RIL) with an honors thesis or a directed study. This [newly developed opportunity](#) is a result of the ongoing effort to ensure that Hub requirements can be met through a wide range of student experiences.

Similar zero credit co-requisite experiences are under development for students studying abroad and will satisfy a requirement in either Global Citizenship and Intercultural Literacy (GCI) or The Individual in Community (IIC).



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To learn more about Hub Assessment news or to submit feedback to the BU Hub Council faculty members in the ongoing formal assessment of the BU Hub, visit [the Hub website](#).

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