

# FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY™

## Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

UGPC APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

UFS APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

CATALOG \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT: ENGLISH

COLLEGE: ARTS &amp; LETTERS

PROGRAM NAME:

ENGLISH MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

(PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

SPRING 2016

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REQUESTED CHANGE(S) AND OFFER RATIONALE BELOW AND/OR ATTACHED:

The Department of English has voted to eliminate the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program. There are several reasons for this decision: 1) the program has attracted a low number of students (in the past 6 years, we have only graduated 3 MAT students and there is only one student currently in the program) 2) the reasons for the inception of this program are no longer relevant and 3) many MAT students, despite warning to the contrary, believe that the degree grants them a teaching certification which it does not

Faculty contact, email and complete phone number:

Sika Dagbovie-Mullins 297-3830

 Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.  
 Department of Teaching and Learning in the College of Education

Approved by:

Department Chair:

College Curriculum Chair:

College Dean:

UGPC Chair:

Graduate College Dean:

UFS President:

Provost:

Date:

11/18/15

 11/21/15  
 11/24/15

Email this form and syllabus to [UGPC@fau.edu](mailto:UGPC@fau.edu) one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website prior to the meeting.

**FW: from the Department of English**

Barbara Ridener

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 11:32 AM

To: Sika Dagbovie-Mullins

The Department of Teaching and Learning does not have any conflicts nor concerns.

Best wishes,

Barbara R. Ridener, Ph.D.

Chair and Associate Professor

Department of Teaching and Learning

Florida Atlantic University

From: Josephine Elliott

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 8:36 AM

To: Barbara Ridener <BRIDENER@fau.edu>

Subject: FW: from the Department of English

See below.

From: Sika Dagbovie-Mullins

Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2015 2:48 PM

To: deptteachlearn <[deptteachlearn@fau.edu](mailto:deptteachlearn@fau.edu)>

Subject: from the Department of English

Dear Professor Ridener,

I am Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of English. Our department has recently voted to eliminate our Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program, a program that was originally developed on the Davie campus when Davie was a separate college and faculty could only participate in the Boca MA program by invitation.

In short, the MAT program is no longer relevant and we are ending it. I submitted this program change request to the Graduate Programs Committee and they suggested that I obtain and email from the College of Education supporting this change. While this change does not affect the College of Ed in any way (we've only had a handful of students in the past 5 years), the committee still thought I should include your email as the request moves up to other committees.

Thanks,

Sika Dagbovie-Mullins

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*Crossing B(l)ack: Mixed Race Identity in Modern American Fiction and Culture:* <http://utpress.org/title/crossing-black/>

## English MAT termination Addendum

The Department of English currently has one MAT student enrolled; he is hoping to graduate in Fall 2016. The student will continue his coursework this semester and will either complete his thesis or take the exam option in Fall 16. Because the MAT requirements did not substantially differ from the MA requirements, this student will be able to continue his path without any problems and either write a thesis or take his exam.