

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY™

Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

UGPC APPROVAL _____
 UFS APPROVAL _____
 CATALOG _____

DEPARTMENT: SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND MULTIMEDIA
 STUDIES

COLLEGE: ARTS AND LETTERS

PROGRAM NAME: MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

EFFECTIVE DATE
 (PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

Fall 2016

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

1. CHANGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

FALL: FROM JULY 1 TO MARCH 1

SPRING: FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO OCTOBER 1

2. CHANGE CATALOG DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING (SEE ATTACHED FOR STRIKETHROUGH COPY OF CURRENT DESCRIPTION)

1. Applicants should have:

- a. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution;
- b. A minimum 3.0 grade point average in the last 60 undergraduate credits attempted;
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2. Applicants must submit a 500-word typewritten statement of their goals, aspirations and reasons for seeking the M.A. in Communication. Care should be taken to align educational and career goals with the program and faculty specialization offered by the School of Communication and Multimedia Studies.

3. Applicants must submit two (2) letters of recommendation detailing academic abilities and performance.

4. Applicants should submit a sample of their academic writing (no less than 3000 words). The writing sample should exhibit sufficient depth and sophistication of thought as well as quality and clarity of writing so as to justify admission into the Masters program.

5. International applicants must also meet the additional requirements listed elsewhere in this catalog.

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 William Trapani, wtrapan1@fau.edu, 7-2051

Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments
 None

Approved by:

Department Chair: *David Grant Williams*

College Curriculum Chair: *[Signature]*

College Dean: *[Signature]*

UGPC Chair: _____

Graduate College Dean: _____

UFS President: _____

Provost: _____

Date:

2/1/2016

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Email this form and syllabus to 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.

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