



Mat Siegel is a passionate and dedicated educator always seeking to improve his pedagogy and help contribute to the continued growth of the field of English. He takes pride in energizing his students and offering them a new perspective on English classes, hoping to transform them into lifelong learners like him.

Raised in Monmouth County, Mat obtained a bachelor's and master's degree from Monmouth University, eventually working his way into higher education. Mat is currently an adjunct professor of English at both Brookdale Community College and Middlesex College, where he has taught a wide range of courses including World Literature, Mythology in Literature, and Freshman Composition. Recently, he completed his second master's degree in English Composition and Rhetoric from the University of Texas at Tyler with his capstone project on Anime Pedagogy in Composition Studies. Mat enjoys employing anime in all of his courses as a unique, contemporary, and discursively relevant modality through which learning can occur.

Mat's love of anime began in the late 1990s and continues to this day. He attributes the lessons learned and friendships forged through anime as a driving force behind his research and pedagogy. In his teaching, Mat seeks to harness the connections that anime forges with its fantastic worlds and eclectic range of characters. He believes that anime is for the disenfranchised and can help give all learners a voice. By framing students as designers and building off of anime's multimodal nature, his usage of anime teaches students skills that translate to all disciplines and career paths.

In addition to his love of anime, Mat is a published *Frankenstein* scholar. Beyond education, Mat has trained in various styles of karate for over two decades. He credits his martial arts instructors with teaching him valuable life lessons that have helped shape him into the person he is today, and he cannot see himself without karate in his life.