

### *What it takes to be an English major:*

- a love for reading and discussing literature
- a delight in literary and dramatic performance
- a curiosity about language
- a competence in writing
- an average of 2.5 in Eng 2000 and Eng 2203
- a cumulative grade point average of 2.5

### *How to become an English major:*

As soon as possible after Eng 1020, visit the English Department in W305 and fill out a Request for Change of Major form. Have Dr. Bauer or Dr. Cirasa sign it, and then submit it to the Registrar. From that point on, you will receive mailings from the Department about advisement and other matters. You will be an “intended” major until you have completed Eng 2000 and Eng 2203 with a 2.5 and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.5. Then you must fill out another Change of Major form to become a “declared” English major.

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## **THE ENGLISH MAJOR**

## **STANDARD OPTION (42100)**

## **OLD PLAN\***

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*\*Available only to students admitted to the  
University prior to Fall 1998.*

**30 credits**

**Kean University**  
Department of English  
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## THE GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES

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Eng 1020 – Composition  
Eng 2203 -- Landmarks of World Literature

These courses are prerequisites for admission to the English major. Eng 1020 and Eng 2203 are part of the GE core.

## THE REQUIRED COGNATE

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Comm 1400 – Speech Communication

This course should be taken as soon as possible. In addition to satisfying a requirement of the English major, it may be counted toward the GE breadth requirement for the humanities.

## THE REQUIRED INTRODUCTORY COURSE (3 CREDITS)

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Eng 2000 – Writing about Literature

This course should be taken either with Eng 2203 and immediately afterwards.

## THE REQUIRED LITERATURE SURVEYS (9 CREDITS)

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Eng 2205 – British Literature I OR  
Eng 2206 – British Literature II  
Eng 2215 – Shakespeare Survey  
Eng 2220 – American Literature I OR  
Eng 2221 – American Literature II

These courses should be taken either with Eng 2000 or immediately afterward. They should also be taken before the electives for the major.

## THE LINGUISTICS ELECTIVE (3 CREDITS)

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Students must select one elective in linguistics. Most students should choose Eng 2101: Structure and Origins of the English Language. Those students preferring an alternative (such as Eng 3101: Introduction to Linguistics) must first pass a Departmental challenge exam in English grammar.

The linguistics elective should be taken as soon as possible after completion of the GE prerequisites.

## THE FOUR REMAINING ELECTIVES (12 CREDITS)

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Students must select with advisement four other electives within the major. They must take electives from at least two of the following categories: figure, genre, period. (Figure courses include such courses as *Chaucer* and *Emily Dickinson*, genre courses include *The Art of Poetry* and *Comedy*, period courses include *Romantic Literature* and *Contemporary Literature*) Additional electives may be drawn from any of the Department's other 2000, 3000, or 4000 level offerings in all categories, including linguistics, writing, and journalism—with one exception: students may not apply toward the major both Eng 2250: Children's Literature and Eng 2255: Young Adult Literature. In general, electives should be taken after most, if not all, of the surveys have been completed, but see note 3 in the next column.

## THE SEMINAR REQUIREMENT ( 3 CREDITS)

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Eng 4800 – Senior Seminar  
OR  
Eng 4600 – Honors Senior Seminar

Senior Seminar should be taken at the conclusion of the major. (The Seminar satisfies the Writing Emphasis requirement of the University.)

## PLEASE NOTE:

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1. Sequencing of courses is critical to success. Ideally, your program should be spread out over your entire four years. For instance:  
  
FR Fall: Eng 1020, Comm 1400  
FR Spring: Eng 2203  
SOPH Fall: Eng 2000  
SOPH Spring: Eng 2101, 2221  
JR Fall: Eng 2205, 2215  
JR Spring: two electives  
SR Fall: two electives  
SR Spring: Senior Seminar  
  
Transfer students entering the major in their junior year will need to plan a much more concentrated course of study.
2. Early Childhood Education majors and Elementary Education majors taking English as a second major should probably plan their course work so as not to take Senior Seminar the same semester they are student teaching; the combined demands of both undertakings may be too difficult.
3. It is strongly recommended that students take Eng 2001: Critical Approaches to Literature as one of their electives and that they do so immediately after taking Eng 2000: Writing about Literature.
4. Excluding English courses used to satisfy General Education core or breadth requirements, no more than 12 credits in English beyond the major may count toward the baccalaureate degree.