

THE GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES

ENGL 151 and 152 – English I and II
ENGL 255 or 256 – World Lit. I or II

These courses are prerequisites for admission to the English major. They are taken as requirements for General Education.

THE REQUIRED METHODOLOGY COURSES (6 CREDITS)

ENGL 257 or 258 – The Short Story or The Short Novel
ENG 2001 – Critical Approaches to Lit.

ENGL 257 or 258 serves as an introduction to literature and should be taken simultaneously with Eng 255 or 256 (see GE requirements above). ENG 2001 serves as an introduction to contemporary critical theory and methods and should be taken only after ENGL 257 or 258.

THE REQUIRED LITERATURE SURVEYS (15 CREDITS)

ENGL 251 – American Literature I
ENGL 252 – American Literature II
ENGL 260 or 261 – Shakespeare I or II
ENG 2205 – British Literature I
ENG 2206 – British Literature II

These courses provide a foundation in the whole of American and British Literature and should be taken early in the major and preferably before the electives for the major.

THE REQUIRED LINGUISTICS COURSE (3 CREDITS)

ENG 142 – History and Grammar of Eng.

This course provides a foundation in linguistics and grammar and should be taken early in the major.

THE FOUR ELECTIVES (12 CREDITS)

Students must select with advisement four electives within the major. These courses provide depth of study in areas of each student's interest. They should be taken after most if not all of the surveys have been completed. All four of the electives should be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

THE SEMINAR REQUIREMENT (3 CREDITS)

ENG 4800 – Senior Seminar

Senior Seminar should be taken at the conclusion of the major, ideally after all of the electives have been completed. It may not be taken until at least two (and preferably three) of the electives have been completed. Note that the Seminar satisfies the Writing Emphasis requirement of the University.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Sequencing of courses is critical to success. Ideally, your program should be spread out over your entire four years. For instance:

FR Fall: ENGL 151

FR Spring: ENGL 257/258 & 255/256

SOPH Fall: ENGL 142, 251

SOPH Spring: ENG 252, 260/261

JR Fall: ENG 2001, 2205

JR Spring: ENG 2206 & one elective

SR Fall: Two electives

SR Spring: Senior Seminar & one elective

Students beginning the major in their junior year will need to plan a much more concentrated course of study.

2. Elementary Education majors taking English as a second major should seek General Education advisement from their primary majors. They should also try to plan their course work so as not to take English Senior Seminar the same semester they are student teaching; the combined demands of both undertakings may be too difficult.
3. Excluding English courses used to satisfy General Education foundation or distribution requirements, no more than 3 credits in English beyond the major may count toward the baccalaureate degree.

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 ENGL 257/258 and ENGL 255/256
- a cumulative grade point average of 2.5

How to become an English major:

As soon as possible after matriculating at Kean, contact the English Department at 908-737-0370 or english@kean.edu. Identify yourself as a Kean-Ocean student, and ask for an appointment to review the major with a faculty adviser at the Ocean site. Fill out a Change of Major form with the adviser. You will be an “intended” major until you have completed ENGL 257/258 and ENGL 255/256 with a 2.5 and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.5. You will then become a “declared” English major.

Advisement Notes

**THE ENGLISH
MAJOR**

**STANDARD OPTION
(42100)**

KEAN-OCEAN*

**For Kean-Ocean students. Note:
ENGL courses are OCC courses;
ENG courses are Kean courses.*

39 credits

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