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### THE GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES

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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.

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### THE REQUIRED METHODOLOGY COURSES (6 CREDITS)

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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.

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### THE REQUIRED LITERATURE SURVEYS (15 CREDITS)

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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.

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### THE YOUNG ADULT LIT. REQUIREMENT

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ENG 3255 – Young Adult Literature

This course prepares for the guidance of school-age readers. It may be taken at any point during the course of the major.

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### THE REQUIRED LINGUISTICS COURSE (3 CREDITS)

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ENG 142 – History & Grammar of Eng.

Provides a foundation in linguistics and grammar and should be taken early in the major.

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### THE THREE ELECTIVES (9 CREDITS)

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Select with advisement three 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 must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

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### THE SEMINAR REQUIREMENT (3 CREDITS)

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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 all three) of the electives have been completed. Also, it is best (though not essential) to avoid taking Senior Seminar the same semester as student teaching; the combined demands of both undertakings may be too difficult. Note as well that the Seminar satisfies the Writing Emphasis requirement of the University.

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### 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: ENGL 151  
FR Spring: ENGL 152, 257/258  
SOPH Fall: ENGL 142, 251, 255/256  
SOPH Spring: ENG 252, 260/261  
JR Fall: ENG 2001, 2205  
JR Spring: ENG 2206 & one elective  
SR Fall: Two electives & ENG 3255  
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. Students in the Teacher Certification Option must earn at least a B- in ENGL 151 (or equivalent) and may earn no more than two grades of C in all other English courses. All other grades for these courses must be at least a B- as well.
3. This guide addresses course requirements only in English. Students should refer to the University Catalog for complete General Education and professional course requirements. Other required courses include COMM 154, COMM 2405, and PSY 2110. Please also note that students must file a formal application with the Department of Middle and Secondary Education for acceptance into the professional component of the 42199 option and for advisement in it. For further details, see <http://www.kean.edu/~lcahir/resources.htm>.
4. Note that this option is not available to students taking English as a second major (in addition to their primary major in Elementary Education). The option is for students seeking certification in teaching English only.

## Advisement Notes

### *What it takes to be an English major in the Teacher*

#### *Certification Option:*

- a love for reading and discussing literature and a delight in literary and dramatic performance
- a curiosity about language and a competence in writing
- a talent for academic leadership and a desire to help others
- an average of 2.5 in ENGL 257/258 and ENGL 255/256
- a cumulative grade point average of 2.75
- satisfaction of the requirements for “declared” status as specified by the Department of Middle and Secondary Education. (See <http://www.kean.edu/~lcahir/resources.htm> )

### *How to become an English major in this option:*

As soon as possible after matriculating at Kean, contact the English Department at 908-737-0370 or [english@kean.edu](mailto: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 to become an “intended” major and begin immediately to meet the requirements for becoming a “declared” major.

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## **THE ENGLISH MAJOR**

## **TEACHER CERTIFICATION OPTION (42199)**

## **KEAN-OCEAN\***

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

### **39 credits**

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