

KEAN UNIVERSITY – COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
(ENG) B.A. in English, Standard Option 120 S.H.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2026

Minimum GPA: Declaration: 3.0; Major: 2.5; Graduation 2.0

GENERAL EDUCATION: 31-32 S.H.		ACADEMIC Major ^{1 2} 36 S.H. Total Credits	
Essential Learning Courses³: 16-17 S.H.		Required: Foundation Core: 21 S.H.	
Critical Reading & Academic Study Skills	4	ENG 2000 Analytical Writing about Literature ³	3__
<i>All students must take 1 credit in Academic Study Skills: either GE*1000 or GE*3000</i>	1	ENG 2101 Structure & Origins of the English Language	3__
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Critical Reading from the GE PLO Course List.</i>	3	Three of these four courses (9 S.H.)	3__
Written Communication**	3	ENG 2205 British Literature I	3__
		ENG 2206 British Literature II	3__
		ENG 2220 Diverse Traditions & Voices of American Literature I ENG 2221 Diverse Traditions & Voices of American Literature II	3__
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Written Communication from the GE PLO Course List.</i>			
Speech Communication	3	ENG 3215 Shakespeare Survey	3__
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Speech Communication from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		ENG 3001 Critical Approaches to Literature	3__
Quantitative & Scientific Reasoning	6-7	ENG Major Elective Courses: 12 S.H	
<i>All students must take either MATH*1016 or MATH*1054 (3 credits each).</i>	3	ENG 2403 ⁴ ; or another 2000-4000 level literature elective if ENG 2403 has been completed with a grade of C or better	3__
<i>All students must take 3 or 4 credits in Scientific Reasoning from the GE PLO course list.</i>	3-4	3000 or 4000 level literature elective	3__
Core Competency Courses 12 S.H.		3000 or 4000 level literature elective	3__
Intercultural Knowledge & Understanding	3	3000 or 4000 level literature elective	3__
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Intercultural Knowledge & Understanding from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		ENG Major Capstone Course: 3 S.H.	
Critical & Creative Thinking	3	ENG 4800 Senior Seminar WE ⁵	3__
		(Prerequisites for ENG 4800: Petition, completion of all major requirements, and completion of at least 3 major electives)	
<i>All students must take 3 credits in the Critical & Creative Thinking from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		FREE ELECTIVES: 52-53 S.H.	
Ethical Reasoning	3	At least 50% must be 3000 or 4000 level.	
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Ethical Reasoning from the GE PLO Course List</i>		One English major elective can be used as a Free Elective in addition to ENG 1996 Research and ENG 3291/3292/3293 Internship.	
Wellness	3	ENG 1996 Research (optional) ⁶	
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Wellness from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		ENG 3291/3292/3293 Internship (optional) ⁷	
Inquiry & Analysis Passion Project 3 S.H.			
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Inquiry & Analysis from the GE PLO Course List</i>	3		
*For all prerequisites and equivalencies, see page 2.			
**Requires a minimum grade of C or higher.			

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¹ A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for all major courses; a minimum GPA of 3.0 for ENG 2000 is required to declare as a major; an overall minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for graduation.

² All major courses require a grade of C or better. Pre/corequisites for courses may change; some courses may require approved petitions (consult KeanWise).

³ ENG 2000 is a prerequisite for ENG 2205, ENG 2206, and ENG 3001, so it is recommended to take it before other literature courses.

⁴ Most major courses require ENG 2403 as a prerequisite, so it is recommended to take it before other literature courses. ENG 2403 can only be used as a major course if it is not being used as a general education course.

⁵ ENG 4800 is a capstone course required of all English standard option majors. It also fulfills the Writing-Emphasis requirement of the University.

⁶ Freshmen may partner with faculty to earn one credit as a free elective, which may be taken up to two times.

⁷ Majors may enroll in internships, if available, for 1, 2, or 3 credits (ENG 3291, 3292, and 3293, respectively) for a maximum of six credits, which may fulfill free elective requirements. Prerequisites are ENG 3001 or ENG 3029, and 75 credits.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Testing and Placement

Incoming freshmen and transfer students may be placed in specific GE Essential Learning, Developmental, or ESL courses as a result of testing prior to registration. Students may be exempt from testing due to SAT scores or prior college work.

Prerequisites and Equivalencies for GE Essential Learning Courses

GE*1000

Required of all freshmen & transfers entering with 0-29 credits
Pre-requisite: None Equivalency: ID*1001

GE*3000

Required of transfers entering with 30 credits or more
Pre-requisite: 30 credits and ENG*1030 (or equivalent)

ENG*1030

Pre-requisite: Placement testing or exemption from placement testing
Equivalency: ENG*1031/1032, ENG*1033/1034, ENG*1430, ENG*1620, ENG*1020, ENG*1400

MATH*1016

Pre-requisite: MATH*0901 if required by placement testing
Co-requisite: MATH*0902 should be taken concurrently with Math*1016 if required by placement testing

MATH*1054

Pre-requisite: MATH*0901 if required by placement testing and MATH*1000

COMM*1402

Pre-requisite: ENG*1031/1032 or ENG*1033/1034 if required by placement testing; May be taken concurrently with ENG*1030
Equivalency: COMM*1400

Inquiry & Analysis PLO

GE 2021- 2026: *Research and Technology* is offered as a college-based course. Pre-requisite: CS*0412 if required by placement testing; Written Communication course Equivalency: GE*2020

GE*2021: College of Business and Public Management

GE*2022: College of Education & College Health Professions and Human Services

GE*2023: College of Liberal Arts

GE*2024: College of Science, Mathematics, and Technology & College Health Professions and Human Services

GE*2025: Departments of Fine Arts, Music, and Theatre & Michael Graves College

GE*2026: Undecided Majors and other special populations

GE PLO Courses

Approved GE PLO Course List

All courses taken under the General Education Essential Learning and Core Competency requirements must be selected from the Approved General Education PLO Course List.

Foreign Language Credit

The three credits for a foreign language that may satisfy the GE Intercultural Knowledge & Understanding requirement are awarded only upon successful completion of the second of two semesters of study at the introductory or intermediate level. Credit for the first semester may be used as an elective.

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

GE 1000/3000 Requirement

All undergraduate students must satisfy this University Requirement for Graduation by successfully completing one of the following courses at Kean University: GE 1000 Transition to Kean (all freshmen and transfers entering with 0-29 credits) or GE 3000 Transfer Transitions (transfers entering with 30 credits or more).

Writing-Emphasis Requirement

To graduate, all students are required to complete at least one "Writing Emphasis" course within their major. Such courses are designed to provide students with an opportunity to explore writing as it is done in their chosen field. Typically, Writing Emphasis courses are taken in the junior or senior year, after the student's initial composition courses are completed. Students should consult their major program advisor for specific information about the Writing Emphasis course requirement.