

KEAN UNIVERSITY – DGEIS / Fall 2026

(LIBAR) B.A. in Liberal Arts

Minimum GPA Required for Major: 2.0

Overall Minimum GPA Required for Graduation: 2.0

120 S.H.

GENERAL EDUCATION: 31-32 S.H.		ACADEMIC MAJOR	34-36 S.H.(Total)	
Essential Learning Courses*: 16-17 S.H.		Major Required Courses:	21 S.H.	
Critical Reading & Academic Study Skills	4	SOC 1000 Introduction to Sociology SOC 2000 Introduction to Social Justice	3 3	
<i>All students must take 1 credit in Academic Study Skills: either GE*1000 or GE*3000</i>	1	PHIL 2505 Critical Thinking	3	
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Critical Reading from the GE PLO Course List.</i>	3	ENG 3090 Business and Professional Writing	3	
Written Communication**	3	COMM 3520 Organizational Communication, or COMM 3590 Business and Profession Communications	3	
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Written Communication from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		HIST 2303 US History to 1877, or HIST 2304 US History 1877 to present	3	
Speech Communication	3	PS 1010 Intro to Politics, or PS 2100 American Politics	3	
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Speech Communication from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		Major Elective Courses:	9 S.H.	
Quantitative & Scientific Reasoning	6-7	BLA 3291/ 3292/ 3293 (required)	3	
<i>All students must take either MATH*1016 or MATH*1054 (3 credits each).</i>	3	Approved Social Justice Theme Courses	6	
<i>All students must take 3 or 4 credits in Scientific Reasoning from the GE PLO course list.</i>	3-4			
Core Competency Courses: 12 S.H.				
Intercultural Knowledge & Understanding	3	**Major Capstone Courses	4-6 S.H.	
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Intercultural Knowledge & Understanding from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		BLA 3299 Kean Career Accelerated Career Course or BLA 4980 Career Capstone Course	3 1	
Critical & Creative Thinking	3	BLA 4990 Research Seminar in Liberal Arts***	3	
<i>All students must take 3 credits in the Critical & Creative Thinking from the GE PLO Course List.</i>				
Ethical Reasoning	3			
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Ethical Reasoning from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		Free Electives		
Wellness	3	at least 50% must be 3000/4000 level	52-55 S.H.	
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Wellness from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		Must include at least one Academic Minor- students have enough credits to double minor (may be combined with Major Elective Courses)	15+	
Inquiry & Analysis Passion Project 3 S.H.	3			
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Inquiry & Analysis from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		Special Notes:		
Additional Required Courses		University requirement for graduation for all undergraduate students that must be satisfied in one of two ways: Complete GE 1000 (all freshmen and transfers entering with 0-29credits) OR complete GE 3000 (transfers entering with 30 credits or more)		
		Major courses require a grade of C or better		
		*GE Distribution course required of all students		
*For all prerequisites and equivalencies, see page 2.				
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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.