

KEAN UNIVERSITY – COLLEGE OF Liberal Arts
Curriculum Sheet as of 09/01/2026

(MUS) B.A. Music

120 S.H.

GENERAL EDUCATION: 31-32 S.H.		ACADEMIC MAJOR: 45-46 S.H.	
Essential Learning Courses*: 16-17 S.H.		Major Required Courses³:	
Critical Reading & Academic Study Skills	4	MUS 1101 Music Theory I ¹	2
<i>All students must take 1 credit in Academic Study Skills: either GE*1000 or GE*3000</i>	1	MUS 2102 Music Theory II ²	2
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Critical Reading from the GE PLO Course List.</i>	3	MUS 3103 Music Theory III ²	2
Written Communication**	3	MUS 4104 Music Theory IV ²	2
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Written Communication from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		MUS 1111 Sight Singing & Ear Training I ¹	1.5
Speech Communication	3	MUS 2112 Sight Singing & Ear Training II ²	1.5
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Speech Communication from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		MUS 3113 Sight Singing & Ear Training III ²	1.5
Quantitative & Scientific Reasoning	6-7	MUS 4114 Sight Singing & Ear Training IV ²	1.5
<i>All students must take either MATH*1016 or MATH*1054 (3 credits each).</i>	3	MUS 36--- Private Studio Lessons (4x1)	4
<i>All students must take 3 or 4 credits in Scientific Reasoning from the GE PLO course list.</i>	3-4	MUS 38--- Primary Music Ensembles (4x1)	4
Core Competency Courses: 12 S.H.		MUS 28--- or 38-- Secondary Music Ensemble (4x1)	4
Intercultural Knowledge & Understanding	3	MUS 2221 Music in World Culture ⁶	2
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Intercultural Knowledge & Understanding from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		MUS 2201 Music History I ²	3
Critical & Creative Thinking	3	MUS 3120 Elementary Conducting	2
<i>All students must take 3 credits in the Critical & Creative Thinking from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		GE Capstone MUS 4105 Music History II ²	3
Ethical Reasoning	3	Select 1 of the following tracks	
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Ethical Reasoning from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		1. Wind, String, Percussion, Guitar: 6-7 S.H.	
Wellness	3	MUS 1511 Class Piano ¹	1.5
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Wellness from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		MUS 1512 Class Piano II ²	1.5
Inquiry & Analysis Passion Project 3 S.H.	3	Music Electives (3x1) Courses may include lessons, ensembles, repertory, music technology	3
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Inquiry & Analysis from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		2. Piano:	
		MUS 2710 ACCOMPANYING (3x1)	3
*For all prerequisites and equivalencies, see page 4.		Music Electives (3x1) Courses may include lessons, ensembles, repertory, music technology	3
**Requires a minimum grade of C or higher		3. Voice:	
		MUS 1511 Class Piano I ¹	1.5
		MUS 1512 Class Piano II ²	1.5
		MUS 1513 Class Piano III ²	1.5
		MUS 1514 Class Piano IV ²	1.5
		Music Electives (1x1) Courses may include lessons, ensembles, repertory, music technology	1

		Music Capstone MUS 4001 Senior Seminar in Music	3
		Free Electives (50% must be taken at the 3000-4000 level)	43-44
		MUS 1996 Freshman Research ⁴ (Optional) 1-2 S.H. MUS 3171, 3172, or 3173 Internship ⁵ (Optional) 3-6 SH	
		Special Notes: 1. Students may be required to take remedial course in Music Foundations prior to MUS 1101, 1111, and 1511 as determined by placement testing 2. Prerequisite required (See undergraduate catalog for course description) 3. All Major courses require a grade of C or better 4. Freshmen may partner with faculty to earn one credit as a free elective, which may be taken up to two times. 5. Majors may, if available, enroll in internships for 1–3 credits. MUS 3171, 3172, 3173 for a maximum of 6 S.H. credits or two internships. 6. Prerequisite for MUS 2201	

PROGRAM REVISION DATE (Spring 2026)

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 & Speech 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.