

KEAN UNIVERSITY – COLLEGE OF Liberal Arts
Curriculum Sheet as of 09/01/2026
(MUSED) BM in Music Education
(MUSED) B.M. IN MUSIC EDUCATION: 129.5-135.5 S.H.
OPTION A: VOCAL/GENERAL TRACK 129.5-134 SH

GENERAL EDUCATION: 31-32 S.H.		ACADEMIC MAJOR: 66.5-72 S.H. Total (Music education coursework included in core)	
Essential Learning Courses*: 16-17 S.H.		Major Required Courses: 53 -57.5 S.H	
Critical Reading & Academic Study Skills	4	MUS 1101 Music Theory I ⁶	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 ⁶	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 3131: Orchestration ²	2
FOR EDUCATION – BIO 1000 ONLY	3-4	MUS 3111: Form and Analysis ²	2
Core Competency Courses: 12 S.H.		MUS 2201 Music History I ²	3
Intercultural Knowledge & Understanding	3	MUS 36--- Private Studio Lessons (7 x 1)	7
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Intercultural Knowledge & Understanding from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		MUS 38--- Primary Music Ensembles (7 x 1)	7
Critical & Creative Thinking	3	MUS 28--- or 38-- Secondary Music Ensemble (1 x 6)	6
<i>All students must take 3 credits in the Critical & Creative Thinking from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		MUS 3120 Elementary Conducting	2
Ethical Reasoning	3	MUS 3121 Choral Conducting ² (voice, piano, and guitar)	2
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Ethical Reasoning from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		Select according to Performance Area: Piano, Guitar, or Voice, 8 - 12.5 S.H.	
Wellness	3	1. Piano: (8)	
FOR EDUCATION MAJORS PSY 1000 ONLY		MUS 3710 Piano Repertory (.5 x 6)	3
Inquiry & Analysis Passion Project 3 S.H.		MUS 2710 Accompanying (1 x 5)	5
<i>All students must take 3 credits in Inquiry & Analysis from the GE PLO Course List.</i>		2. Guitar: (8)	
<i>*For all prerequisites and equivalencies, see page 3.</i>		MUS 1511 Class Piano I ⁶	1.5
<i>**Requires a minimum grade of C or higher</i>		MUS 1512 Class Piano II ²	1.5
		MUS 1513 Class Piano III ²	1.5
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS 3 S.H.	3	MUS 1514 Class Piano IV ²	1.5
PSY 2100 CHILD PSYCH OR PSY 2110 PSYCH OF ADOL.		MUS 37-- Instrumental Repertory (.5 x 4)	2
PROFESSIONAL SEQUENCE: 29 S.H.¹		3. Voice: (12.5)	
MUS 2900 Clinical Experiences Principles and Foundations of Music Education	3	MUS 1511 Class Piano I ⁶	1.5
MUS 3310 Elementary School Music	3	MUS 1512 Class Piano II ²	1.5
MUS 3311 Elementary Practice: Music	2	MUS 1513 Class Piano III ²	1.5
MUS 3320 Secondary School Music	3	MUS 1514 Class Piano IV ²	1.5
MUS 3322 Secondary Practice: Music	2	MUS 3700 Voice Repertory (.5 x 5)	2.5

RDG 3401 Language Arts/Reading in K-12 Subject Area Teaching	3	MUS 2007 Diction I	2
EMSE 3903 English Language Learners in the American School	1	MUS 2008, Diction II	2
Major Capstone: MUS 4000 Music Teacher in the Classroom (final sem.) ³	3	GE Capstone: MUS 4105 Music History II ²	3
MUS 4301 Clinical Practice: Music (final semester)	9	Music Education Core 10.5 S.H	
		MUS 2221: Music in World Culture ⁴	2
		MUS 3138 Computer Music Notation; OR MUS 3137 Comp App for Music	2
		MUS 3000 Teaching Music to Students with Special Needs in K-12 settings Methods and Practicum ¹	3
		MUS 2881 Elements of Jazz ²	1
		Select 3 of the following Methods and Materials Classes (*piano and guitar students are required to take voice class methods as one option unless enrolled in voice lessons) 1.5 S.H	
		MUS 1564 Flute and Single Reed Methods and Materials	.5
		MUS 1566 Double Reeds Methods and Materials ²	.5
		MUS 1572 High Brass Methods and Materials	.5
		MUS 1574 Low Brass Methods and Materials	.5
		MUS 1592 Percussion Methods and Materials	.5
		MUS 1551 String Methods and Materials	.5
		*MUS 1501 Voice Class Methods and Materials	.5
		Select 1 of the following 1 S.H	
		MUS 3343 Assessment and Reflection in K-12 Music Education OR MUS 3344 Music Ed. In Urban, Suburban, & Rural Contexts OR MUS 1996 Freshman Research (Optional) ⁵	
		Special Notes: 1 A grade of B- or better is required 2.Prerequisite required (See undergraduate catalog for course descriptions) 3 MUS 4000 serves as the capstone course for the professional education major 4 Prerequisite to MUS 2201 5. May be taken twice for a total of 2 cr. 6 Students may be required to take remedial course in Music Foundations prior to MUS 1101, 1111, and 1511 as determined by placement testing Comments: 1. To graduate with a B. M in Music Education students must: have at least 3.0 GPA and meet the state requirements for the K.E.E.P 2. The state of New Jersey requires a passing score on the Music Content Knowledge Praxis test before the professional internship. This test should be completed and passed during the first semester of the junior year. Please arrange to meet with your Music Advisor regarding this program. 3. Students must first pass an audition to pursue a music major at Kean University. 4. "Students may be required, as deemed necessary by department faculty, to complete additional semesters of repertory, lessons, and ensembles, for the purposes of remediation	

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.