

KEAN UNIVERSITY – COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
55100 B.A. in Political Science – 120 S.H Minimum
GPA Required for Declaration: 2.0 Minimum GPA
Required for Major: 2.0
Overall Minimum GPA Required for Graduation: 2.0

EFFECTIVE DATE: FALL 2024

GENERAL EDUCATION: 41-42 Semester Hours (S.H.)		ACADEMIC MAJOR***	36 S.H.(Total)
Foundation Requirements: ¹	13 S.H.	**Major Required Courses: ³	18 S.H.
G.E. 1000 Transition to Kean ² –or-GE 3000 Transfer Transitions ²	1	***PS 1010 Intro to Politics	3
ENG 1030 Composition ³	3	PS 2100 American Government and Politics	3
MATH 1000;1010; 1016; 1030; or 1054	3	PS 2300 Intro to Comparative Politics	3
COMM 1402 Speech Communication	3	PS 2400 Intro to International Relations	3
GE 2023 Research and Technology	3	Take one course from the PS 3200 area (Political Theory)	3
		Take one course from the choices below:	3 S.H.
Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary Distribution Requirements:	28-29 S.H.	PS 3430 International Terrorism OR	3
Humanities:	9 S.H. (from different areas)	PS 3460 Human Rights and Politics 21 st Century OR	
*ENG 2403 World Literature	3	PS 3550 Scope and Methods of Political Science	
Take two "GE Approved" courses from two areas below:		Major Elective Courses⁵	15 S.H.
		Take 5 Major Elective Courses: At least 4 of these must be 3000 level courses. One course must be a Writing Emphasis (WE) course chosen from the following list: PS 3150,3680,4410, 4810,4811 PS 3173 Internship (Optional) ⁵	
Fine Arts/Art History	3	PS 2000-4000	3
Philosophy or Religion	3	PS 3000	3
Foreign Languages (Must take I and II for credit)	3	PS 3000	3
Music or Theatre	3	PS 3000	3
Interdisciplinary	3	PS 3000-4000 WE	3
		PS 3173 Internship (Optional) ⁵	3-6 S.H.
Social Sciences:	9 S.H. (from different areas)		
**HIST 1062 Worlds of History		Major Capstone Courses: ³	3 S.H.
Take two "GE Approved" courses from two areas below:	3	PS 4130 Senior Seminar: Political Issues	3
Psychology	3		
Economics or ES 1010 – World Geography	3	FREE ELECTIVES	33-34 S.H.
Political Science	3	At least 50% must be 3000/4000 Level	
Sociology or Anthropology	3	PS 1996 Research (optional) ⁴	1-2
Interdisciplinary			
Science and Mathematics:	10 or 11 S.H.		
MATH 1000; 1010; 1016; 1030; 1054; or CPS 1032; 1231	3		
		Special Notes:	
Lab Science (from Biology; Chemistry; Environmental Sciences; Earth Sciences; Forensic Sciences; Interdisciplinary; Physics; OR Sustainability Sciences).	4	¹ See pre-requisites and equivalencies (on page 2) ² University requirement for graduation for all undergraduate students must be satisfied in one of two ways: Complete GE 1000 (all freshmen and transfers entering with 0-29 credits) OR complete GE 3000 (transfers entering with 30 credits or more)	
Additional "GE Approved" Science Course	3-4	³ ENG 1030 and all major courses, including the Capstone require a grade of C or better	
ADDITIONAL REQUIRED COURSES Select 3 9 S.H. (Three 3000-Level courses from among the following subject areas: Communications, English, Foreign Languages, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology)		⁴ Freshmen may partner with faculty to earn 1 credit in PS 1996 which may be used to fulfill free elective requirements. This may be taken up to two times and it is the only PS course approved in the free elective area.	
		⁵ PS.3173 Students may take the three credit internship up to two times. Students can be approved for a maximum of six credits which may fulfill major elective courses.	
		⁶ Must take I and II for credit	
		*G.E. required course	
		**HIST 1062 replaces HIST 1000	
		***Pre-requisite for PS 4130	

GENERAL EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Testing and Placement

Incoming freshmen and transfer students may be placed in specific GE Foundations, 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 Foundations Courses

GE 1000

Required of all freshmen & transfers entering with 0-29 credits

Prereq: None

Equiv: ID 1001

GE 3000

Required of transfers entering with 30 credits or more Prereq: 30 credits and ENG 1030

ENG 1030

Prereq: Placement testing or exemption from placement testing

Equiv: ENG 1031/1032, ENG 1033/1034, ENG 1430, ENG 1620, ENG 1020, ENG 1400

MATH 1000 or 1010 or 1016 or 1030

Prereq: MATH 0901 if required by placement testing

Equiv of MATH 1000: MATH 1001/1002, MATH 1003/1004, MATH 1051

MATH 1044 or 1054

Prereq: MATH 0901 if required by placement testing and MATH 1000

COMM 1402

Prereq: CS 0412 if required by placement testing
ENG 1031/1032 or ENG 1033/1034 if required by placement testing
May be taken concurrently with ENG 1030

Equiv: COMM 1400

GE 2021-2026 *Research and Technology* is offered as a college-based course

GE 2021 College of BPM

GE 2022 College of EDU

GE 2023 College of CLA

GE 2024 College of NAHS & NJCSTM

GE 2025 SVPA & Michael Graves College

GE 2026 Undecided Majors and other special populations

Prereqs: CS 0412 if required by placement testing
ENG 1030 or equivalent

COMM 1402

Equiv: GE 2020

GE Distribution Courses

Approved GE Distribution Courses

All courses taken under the General Education Disciplinary/Interdisciplinary Distribution requirements must be selected from the Approved General Education Distribution Course List.

These courses are designated as GEHU, GESS, and GESM.

GEHU Humanities

GESS Social Sciences

GESM Science and Mathematics

Required GE Distribution Courses

ENG 2403 is a required Humanities Distribution course with an emphasis on diversity.

Prereq: CS 0412 if required by placement testing; ENG 1030 or equivalent

Equiv: ENG*2203

HIST 1062 is a required Social Sciences Distribution course. Prereq: None

Foreign Language Credit

The three credits for a foreign language that may satisfy the GE

Disciplinary/Interdisciplinary Distribution 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 elective credit.

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

All students are required to complete one "Writing- Emphasis" course. The "W-E" course must be within the major portion of your program. Consult your major program advisor for specific information.