

**KEAN UNIVERSITY - COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**  
**(41112) B.A. IN COMMUNICATION (JOURNALISM OPTION): 120 S.H.**  
**Minimum GPA required for declaration into major and graduation 2.5**

Kean University Courses are in Blue (59-60 S.H.)

Ocean County College Courses are in Green (60-61 S.H.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2024

See the Current Undergraduate Academic Catalog for Requirements to Graduate with Honors

GENERAL EDUCATION		41- 42 Semester Hours S.H.	ACADEMIC MAJOR:	45 S.H. Total Credits	
Foundation Requirements <sup>1</sup> :		13 S.H.	MAJOR REQUIRED COURSES <sup>4</sup> :	12 S.H.	
GE 1000 Transition to Kean <sup>2</sup> -or- GE 3000 Transfer Transitions <sup>2</sup>		1	COMM 2425 Interpersonal Communication	3	
ENG 1030 Composition <sup>3</sup>	ENG 151 English I	3	COMM 2503 Mass Media	COMM 281 Mass Comm. 3	
MATH 1016 Statistics (Recommended) OR MATH 1010 Foundations of Math	GEd Math (MATH 156 recomm.)	3	COMM 3510 Persuasive Communication	3	
COMM 1402 Speech Comm <sup>4</sup>	COMM 154 Fund of. Public Speaking	3	COMM 3720 Communication and Media Theory (WE)**	3	
GE 2023 Research & Technology	ENGL 152 English II	3	<b>OPTION REQUIRED COURSES <sup>4</sup>:</b>	<b>21 S.H.</b>	
<b>DISCIPLINARY &amp; INTERDISCIPLINARY <sup>5</sup></b>			COMM 2403 Digital Video Production <sup>6</sup>	3	
<b>Distribution Requirements:</b>		<b>28-29 S.H.</b>	COMM 2920 Introduction to Journalism	3	
<b>Humanities:</b>		<b>9 S.H.</b>	COMM 3910 Public Affairs Reporting	3	
*ENG 2403 World Literature	Humanities Gen Ed	3	COMM 3915 Feature Writing	3	
<b>Take two "GE Approved" courses from two areas below:</b>			COMM 3280 News Literacy	3	
Fine Arts	Any Two Humanities Gen Ed. Courses	3	COMM 3780 The Tower (MUST TAKE 3 Semesters)	3	
Philosophy or Religion			COMM 3420 Interviewing OR COMM 3533 Social Media	3	
Foreign Lang (Must take 1 & 2 for credit)			<b>CHOOSE FOUR FROM ANY COMMUNICATION COURSES<sup>4</sup></b>		<b>12 S.H.</b>
Music or Theatre			COMM 3660 Public Relations recommended	3	
Interdisciplinary			COMM 3173 Internship <sup>7,8</sup> recommended	3	
<b>Social Sciences:</b>		<b>9 S.H.</b>	COMM 151 Media Writing 1	3	
*HIST 1062 Worlds Of History	HIST Gen Ed.Course	3	COMM 172 Comm. Law	3	
Interdisciplinary ID 2415 Small Group Comm. <sup>4</sup> (Req. of Comm Majors) <sup>4</sup>		3			
<b>Take one "GE Approved" course from the areas below:</b>			<b>Major Capstone Course <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>3 S.H.</b>	
Psychology	Diversity Gen Ed. Course	3	COMM 4962 Communication Senior Seminar	3	
Economics or ES 1010 World Geography			<b>FREE ELECTIVES</b>		<b>30 - 31 S.H.</b>
Political Science			Communication courses cannot be used as free electives. At least 50% must be at the 3000/4000 level.		
Sociology or Anthropology			Lower Level 1/2000	Upper Level 3/4000	
			STSC 150 Student Success	2	3000-4000 Elective
	COEM 284 Broadcast News Production	3	3000-4000 Elective		
	Any Unused Transferrable OCC Course	3	3000-4000 Elective		
<b>Science and Mathematics:</b>		<b>10 or 11 S.H.</b>	Any Unused Transferrable OCC Course	3	
MATH 1000;1010;1016;1030;1054: or CPS1032;1231	CSIT 110 Intro to Computers	3	Any Social Science (GSOC)	3	
Lab Science (from Bio, Chem, Env Sci, ES, Forensic Sci, ID, Phys. or Sust Sci)	Lab Science Gen Ed. Course	4	COMM 1996 Freshman Research (Optional) <sup>9</sup>	COMM 3171-3172 <sup>8,9</sup>	
Additional "GE Approved" Science Course	GE Approved Science	3/4			

**Special Notes:**

	<sup>1</sup> See pre-requisites and equivalencies (on page 3)
	<sup>2</sup> 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 0-29 credits) OR complete GE 3000 (transfers entering with 30 credits or more).
	<sup>3</sup> ENG 1030 requires a grade of C or higher
	<sup>4</sup> All Major courses, ID 2415 and capstone require a grade of C or better. Need a 2.5 G.P.A. to graduate
	<sup>5</sup> All courses under GE Disciplinary/Interdisciplinary Distribution requirements must be selected from the Approved GE Distribution Course List (GEHU Humanities; GESS Social Sciences; GESM Science and Mathematics).
	<sup>6</sup> Students may have to purchase a camera for this course
	<sup>7</sup> Students must have a 3.0 GPA and completed 75-90 credits to be eligible for an Internship. Students can be approved for a maximum of two, three-credit internships which may be used to fulfill major elective requirements. COMM 3171 and COMM 3172 cannot be used as a major elective.
	<sup>8</sup> Students must have a 3.0 GPA and completed 75-90 credits to be eligible for an internship. A maximum of 6 credits for internships is allowed. COMM 3171 (1 credit Free Elective) and COMM 3172 (2 credits Free Electives), and COMM 3173 (3 credits Major Electives) can be combined for a total maximum of 6 credits.
	<sup>9</sup> Freshmen may partner with faculty to earn one credit as a free elective which may be taken up to two times. COMM 1996 and COMM 3171-3172 are the only Communication courses acceptable for use in the free electives area.
	*GE Distribution Course required of all students
	** (WE) Writing Emphasis course

## 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 and/or multiple measures placement prior to registration. Students may be exempt from testing due to SAT/ACT scores or prior college work.

### Prerequisites and Equivalencies for GE Foundations Courses

#### **GE 1000/GE 3000 is a University Graduation Requirement GE 1000**

Required of all freshmen & transfers entering with 0-29 credits Prerequisite: None

Equivalent: ID 1001

#### **GE 3000**

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

#### **ENG 1030**

Prerequisite: Placement testing or exemption from placement testing ENG 1025 if required by placement testing

Equivalent: ENG 1031/1032, ENG 1033/1034, ENG 1430 (ESL version), ENG 1620 (Honors version), ENG 1020, ENG 1400

#### **MATH 1000 or MATH 1044\***

Prerequisite: MATH 0901 if required by placement testing

\*MATH 1044 is available as a Foundation option for CBPM students only

Equivalent: MATH 1000: MATH 1001/1002, MATH 1003/1004, MATH 1051

#### **MATH 1010 or 1016 or 1030**

Prerequisite: MATH 0901 if required by placement testing

Co-requisite: Math 0902 (only required, with advisement, based on placement test score and intended major)

#### **MATH 1054**

Prerequisite MATH 0901 if required by placement testing and MATH 1000

#### **COMM 1402**

Prerequisite CS 0412 if required by placement testing ENG 1025 if required by placement testing

May be taken concurrently with ENG 1030 Equivalent COMM 1400

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

GE 2021 College of BPM GE 2022 College of EDU GE 2023 All College of CLA

GE 2024 College of NAHS & NJCSTM & NWGC (Speech Language and Hearing Science majors)

GE 2025 SFPA & Michael Graves College

GE 2026 Undecided Majors and other special populations Prerequisite CS 0412 if required by placement testing; ENG 1030 or equivalent course

Equivalent: GE 2020

### GE Distribution Courses

#### **Approved GE Distribution Courses**

#### **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.

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

Equivalent: ENG\*2203

**HIST 1062** is a required Social Sciences Distribution course. Prerequisite: 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.

Note: Equivalent courses may be prior General Education or prerequisite course work taken by students that is now discontinued

**List of COMMUNICATION Courses (updated 03/2021) – Kean University**

<b>A. COMMUNICATION STUDIE COURSES</b>	<b>C. MEDIA &amp; FILM COURSES</b>
COMM 2405 Advanced Public Speaking	COMM 2403 Digital Video Production
COMM 2425 Interpersonal Communication	COMM 2503 Mass Media
COMM 3216 International Business Communication	COMM 2603 Audio Production
COMM 3405 Debate and Civil Dialogue	COMM 2703 Media Performance
COMM 3410 Voice and Speech	COMM 3002 Film Theory
COMM 3420 Interviewing	COMM 3003 Media Journalism
COMM 3425 Nonverbal Communication	COMM 3053 News Directing and Editing
COMM 3430 Family Communication	COMM 3102 Film Production I
COMM 3510 Persuasive Communication	COMM 3202 Documentary Film
COMM 3520 Organizational Communication	COMM 3402 Film History II
COMM 3525 Communication and Conflict Resolution	COMM 3502 Film Production II
COMM 3530 Communicating across Cultures	COMM 3503 Media Criticism
COMM 3566 Sports Communication	COMM 3522 Sight, Sound and Motion
COMM 3570 Cinema As Cross-Cultural Communication	COMM 3523 Reality TV
COMM 3590 Business and Professional Communication	COMM 3533 Social Media
COMM 3630 Gender, Language and Communication	COMM 3602 Scriptwriting
COMM 3690 Health Communication	COMM 3603 Topics in Media
COMM 3700 Community Building and Advocacy	COMM 3612 Film History I
COMM 3720 Communication and Media Theory	COMM 3703 Broadcast Feature
COMM 3885 Communication and Listening	COMM 3813 Video Field Production
COMM 3960 Issues in Communication	COMM 3902 Animation I
COMM 3970 Political Communication	COMM 3903 Feature Production Company
COMM 4200 Environmental Communication	COMM 3913 TV Studio Production
COMM 4204 Communication Ethics	COMM 3933 Advanced TV Production
COMM 4350 Consulting and Training in Communication	COMM 4002 Topics in Film
COMM 4510 Communication and Popular Culture	COMM 4102 Film Editing
COMM 4520 Communication and Technology	COMM 4813 Advanced Digital Media
COMM 4610 Communication and Law	COMM 4902 Animation II
COMM 4615 Communication and Mediation	COMM 4903 Production Company II
COMM 4625 Communication and Negotiation	
COMM 4880 Travel Learn : Organizational Leadership Across Cultures	<b>D. PUBLIC RELATIONS COURSES</b>
COMM 4962 Communication Research Seminar	COMM 3660 Public Relations
	COMM 4208 Event Planning and Management
	COMM 4620 Public Relations Writing
<b>INTERNSHIP COURSES</b>	COMM 4630 PR Campaigns
COMM 3171 - 1 credit	COMM 4635 Sports Public Relations
COMM 3172 - 2 credits	COMM 4640 Public Relations Cases
COMM 3173 - 3 credits	COMM 4650 Media Relations and Publicity
	COMM 4660 Crisis Communication
<b>B. JOURNALISM COURSES</b>	
COMM 2920 Introduction to Journalism	<b>ADVERTISING COURSES</b>
COMM 3280 News Literacy	COMM 3103 Media Advertising and Sales
COMM 3780 Tower Practicum (student newspaper)	COMM 3675 Media Advertising
COMM 3910 Public Affairs Reporting	COMM 3680 Branding and Message Development
COMM 3915 Feature Writing	COMM 3685 Media Buying and Planning
COMM 3917 Sports Writing in Journalism	COMM 3740 Digital Advertising Analytics
COMM 3920 Specialty Writing for the Web	COMM 3760 Advertising Cases
COMM 3925 Editing Skills in Journalism	COMM 4700 Advertising Campaigns
	COMM 4705 Contemporary Issues in Advertising