

KEAN UNIVERSITY - COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
(41113) B.A. IN COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC RELATIONS 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: ¹		13 S.H.	MAJOR REQUIRED COURSES ⁴ :	12 S.H.
GE 1000 Transition to Kean ² -or- GE 3000 Transfer Transitions ²		1	COMM 2425 Interpersonal Communication	3
ENG 1030 Composition ³	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 (Math156 recommended)	3	COMM 3510 Persuasive Communication 3	
COMM 1402 Speech Communication ⁴	COMM 154 Fund.of Public Spea	3	COMM 3720 Communications and Media Theory (WE)** 3	
GE 2023 Research & Technology	ENGL 152 English II	3	OPTION REQUIRED COURSES⁴ 21 S.H.	
DISCIPLINARY & INTERDISCIPLINARY⁵			COMM 2403 Digital Video Production ⁶	COEM 120 TV Studio Production 3
Distribution Requirements: 28-29 S.H.			COMM 2920 Intro to Journalism 3	
Humanities: 9 S.H.			COMM 3280 News Literacy 3	
*ENG 2403 World Literature	Humanities Gen Ed	3	COMM 3660 Public Relations 3	
Take two "GE Approved" courses from two areas below:			COMM 4620 Public Relations Writing 3	
			COMM 4630 Public Relations Campaigns 3	
			COMM 4650 Media Relations and Publicity 3	
			CHOOSE FOUR FROM ANY COMMUNICATION COURSES⁴ (Including List D on page 4) 12 S.H.	
Fine Arts	Two Humanities Gen Ed Courses	3	COMM	
Philosophy or Religion			COEM 220 Video Location Prod 3	
Foreign Lang. (Must take 1&2 for credit)			COMM	
Music or Theatre		3	COEM 284 Broadcast News Prod 3	
Interdisciplinary			COMM	
Social Sciences: 9 S.H.			COMM	
*HIST 1062 Worlds Of History	HIST Gen Ed.Course (GHIS)	3	COMM	
Interdisciplinary ID 2415 Small Group Communication (Required of Communications majors) ⁴		3	COMM OR COMM 3173 (Internship) ^{7,8} 3	
Take one "GE Approved" course from the areas below:			Major Capstone Course⁴ 3 S.H.	
Psychology	Any Social Science Course (GSOC) or Diversity Gen. Ed. Course (GDIV)	3	COMM 4962 Communication Research Seminar	
Economics or ES 1010 World Geography			FREE ELECTIVES 30-31 S.H.	
Political Science			Communication courses cannot be used as free electives. At least 50% must be at the 3000/4000 level.	
Sociology or Anthropology				
Science and Mathematics: 10 or 11 S.H.			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
MATH 1000 1010;1016;1030;1054: or CP 1032; 1231	CSIT 110 Intro to Computers	3	Any Unused Transferrable OCC Course 3	3000-4000 Elective
Lab Science (from Bio, Chem., Env. Sciences; ES; FS, Interdisciplinary, Phys. or Sustainability Sciences)	Lab Sci Approved GSCL list	4	Any Unused Transferrable OCC Course 3	3000-4000 Elective
Additional "GE Approved" Science Course	GE Approved Science	3/4	Any Social Science (GSOC) 3	3000-4000 Elective
			COMM 1996 Freshman Research (Optional) ⁹	COMM 3171-3172 ^{8,9}

	Special Notes:
	¹ See pre-requisites and equivalencies (on page 3)
	² 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.
	³ ENG 1030 requires a grade of C or higher
	⁴ All Major courses, ID 2415 and capstone require a grade of C or better. Need a 2.5 G.P.A. to graduate
	⁵ 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).
	⁶ Students may have to purchase a camera for this course
	⁷ 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.
	⁸ 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
	⁹ 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 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

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

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 college-based course

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

College of CLA GE 2024 College of NAHS & NJCSTM & NWGC

GE 2025 SFPA & Michael Graves College

GE 2026 Undecided Majors and other special populations

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

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

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

A. COMMUNICATION STUDIE COURSES	C. MEDIA & FILM COURSES
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	D. PUBLIC RELATIONS COURSES
COMM 4962 Communication Research Seminar	COMM 3660 Public Relations
	COMM 4208 Event Planning and Management
	COMM 4620 Public Relations Writing
INTERNSHIP COURSES	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. JOURNALISM COURSES	
COMM 2920 Introduction to Journalism	ADVERTISING COURSES
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

Suggested Communication (COMM) Elective Concentrations

Students may select to focus their COMM Electives in one of three concentrations. Each concentration has a total of four classes. Note: these are only recommended guidelines; PR majors are not required to follow them.

Concentration: Corporate Public Relations 12 S.H.

COMM 3520	Organizational Communication	3
COMM 3590	Business and Professional Communication	3
COMM 4660	Crisis Communication	3
COMM 4204	Communication Ethics	3

Concentration: Agency Public Relations 12 S.H.

COMM 3533	Social Media	3
COMM 4650	Event Planning and Management	3
COMM 3675	Media Advertising	3
COMM 4204	Communication Ethics	3

Concentration: Specialty Public Relations 12 S.H.

COMM 4208	Event Planning and Management	3
COMM 4635	Sports Public Relations	3
COMM 4660	Crisis Communication	3
COMM 4204	Communication Ethics	3