

The Challenge Program

Northwest Academy 2023–24

PSU's Challenge Program

Challenge is a nationally accredited dual credit program offering Portland State University (PSU) college courses at Northwest Academy. In addition to earning college credit at a greatly discounted rate, Challenge students have access to PSU services, including student ID cards, computer accounts, and the library with its online databases and available training. A 3.0 cumulative GPA is required to participate in Challenge to help ensure students are prepared for the rigor and expectations of a college course.

Registration

Make sure to read the instructions before you begin! There are some differences to the process based on whether you are a new or returning Challenge student.

To get started on your registration, visit:

pdx.edu/challenge-program/challenge-program-registration

Tuition

At \$224.40 per course (or \$51 if you qualify for financial aid), Challenge courses cost a fraction of regular college tuition (which is \$1159 per course on campus this year). It's a great deal!

For information on Challenge tuition, visit:

pdx.edu/challenge-program/about-challenge-program

Credit and Credit Transfer

Challenge credit transfers nationally to many institutions and all state universities.

For detailed information on Challenge credit and credit transfer, visit:

pdx.edu/challenge-program/credit-and-transcripts

Registration, Drop, and Withdraw Deadlines

FALL REGISTRATION – October 3rd Deadline

SPAN 201: 2 nd Year Spanish	Drop: Oct. 23 Withdraw: Nov. 13
MTH 251: Calculus I MTH 252: Calculus II ENG 254: American Lit. WR 222: Writing Research Papers	Drop: Dec. 18 Withdraw: April 15

WINTER REGISTRATION – February 20th Deadline

SPAN 202: 2 nd Year Spanish	Drop: March 4 Withdraw: March 11
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SPRING REGISTRATION – April 16th Deadline

SPAN 203: 2 nd Year Spanish	Drop: May 6 Withdraw: May 20
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Dropping a course means there will be no record of the course on the student's college transcript.

Withdrawing will leave the course on the student's college transcript with a grade of "W."

PSU is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution

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Northwest Academy Courses 2023–24

Courses mapped to PSU Quarters

These courses are taught in a sequence of three that aligns with PSU quarters – Fall, Winter, and Spring. Students register and pay three times a year.

Second-Year Spanish

SPAN 201 (4 credits) \$224.40. Middleton. **Register by October 3**

SPAN 202 (4 credits) \$224.40. Middleton. **Register by February 20**

SPAN 203 (4 credits) \$224.40. Middleton. **Register by April 16**

Intensive review of basic materials introduced in First-Year Spanish and further development of communication skills. *Recommended: SPAN 103. Completion of this sequence fulfills the foreign language requirement for a Bachelor of Arts Degree for many institutions.*

Courses mapped to Academic Year

These courses are taught as year-long courses. Students register and pay once for each course.

MTH 251 - Calculus I (4 credits) \$224.40. Campbell. **Register by October 3**

Differential calculus of functions of a single variable, including limits, the definition and computation of the derivative, and applications of the derivative. *Prerequisite: Completion of MTH 112, preferably with a grade of B or above.*

MTH 252 - Calculus II (4 credits) \$224.40. Hanes. **Register by October 3**

Integral calculus of functions of a single variable, including the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, numerical integration and applications. *Prerequisite: MTH 251.*

ENG 254 - Survey of American Literature (4 credits) \$224.40. Wiggins. **Register by October 3**

An introduction to American literature from the mid-nineteenth century to the present.

WR 222 - Writing Research Papers (4 credits) \$224.40. Ellington. **Register by October 3**

Introduction to academic inquiry, with focus on evaluating and engaging with secondary research and on conventions for documentation.

Go to [pdx.edu/challenge-program](https://www.pdx.edu/challenge-program) for online registration