

The Challenge Program

St. Mary's Academy 2023–24

PSU's Challenge Program

Challenge is a nationally accredited dual credit program offering Portland State University (PSU) college courses at St. Mary's. 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

MTH 252: Calculus II	Drop: Nov. 6 Withdraw: Dec. 18
HST 102: Early Modern Europe and the World HST 203: US History	Drop: Dec. 18 Withdraw: April 15

WINTER REGISTRATION – February 20th Deadline

MTH 253: Calculus III	Drop: March 18 Withdraw: May 6
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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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St. Mary's Courses 2023–24

Courses mapped to Semesters

These courses are taught in a sequence of two that aligns with the high school semesters. Students register and pay twice a year.

Calculus

MTH 252 - Calculus II (4 credits) \$224.40. Gardner. **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.*

MTH 253 - Calculus III (4 credits) \$224.40. Gardner. **Register by February 20**

Introduction to differential equations, infinite series, parametric equations, polar coordinates, and conic sections. *Prerequisite: MTH 252.*

Courses mapped to Academic Year

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

HST 102 – Early Modern Europe and the World (4 credits) \$224.40. Vannelli. **Register by October 3**

Surveys the history of early modern Europe and its inter-regional and global connections from roughly 1400–1800 C.E.

HST 203 - History of the United States (4 credits) \$224.40. Housley or Nyland. **Register by October 3**

General survey of United States history. 1914 to present.

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