PSU Challenge Program at Westview
PSU at Westview: College in the High School

Challenge:
PSU Calculus I, II, III (also offered as AP)
PSU 2nd year Spanish (SPAN 201, 202, 203)

Senior Inquiry:
PSU’s interdisciplinary freshman seminar, a 5-credit, 3 quarter sequence.
Challenge:

- University standards define course curriculum.
- Instructors are PSU adjunct professors.
- Learning is evaluated through multiple and varied assessments instead of a single, final exam.
- Challenge is a bridge to Oregon’s largest University—rigor, faculty, services, campus visits—providing a college experience academically and culturally.
- Cost is a fraction of campus tuition.
- Transferable credit.
Challenge Requirements:

Students: 3.0 cumulative GPA

Class: Minimum 60% enrollment
Meet Westview’s PSU Faculty Partners

Marek Elzanowski, Professor of Mathematics

Cynthia Sloan, Professor of Spanish and Portuguese.
Specializes in Luso-Brazilian literature, contemporary Spanish American novel, and Spanish American poetry. In addition to offering classes in the Spanish program, she directs the Portuguese language program at PSU.
Cost per Course: 2013-14

Challenge: $230 for a 4-credit class*

On campus at:

PSU: $ 748
UO:  1,288
OSU:  1,190
SOU:   940

*Students providing evidence of eligibility for free and reduced lunch pay reduced fee of $50/class.
## 2014-15 Course Registration & Payment

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What Former Westview Students Say

• *I loved having access to library materials - it was useful for all classes I took.*

• *It’s a good class [Calculus] that puts everything we've learned in perspective and it gives real insight on what to expect when we graduate and reach college.*

• *It [PSU Calculus] made it easier for my busy schedule, so I didn’t have to study for more AP tests than I could handle.*
What Westview Instructors Say

- I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with the top-notch students. However, the larger satisfaction comes from students who did not see themselves as “math types.” Through this course they have gained confidence in their math skills and that they are indeed capable of being a college student.

- Challenge courses offer students the time to think, process and engage in meaningful discourse. This is a real example of what they can expect in college. It puts the burden on the student, not the teacher.
What our University Faculty Say

Skeptics doubt whether Challenge courses truly deserve to be thought of as college courses. They do. I’ve worked with many teachers over the years, and there’s little doubt in my mind that they are teaching the course we teach on campus. If anything, students in the Challenge Program tend to be better than many of our students on campus.

Duncan Carter, PSU English Faculty, Former Associate Dean, long-time Challenge Faculty Partner
Fall 2014 Deadlines

**REGISTRATION:** Friday Oct. 3

Blue registration forms, **completely** filled out with any petitions required, and payment due. These are turned into your instructors.

**DROP and WITHDRAWAL:**

Spanish Drop (no record at PSU): Oct. 17, 2014
Spanish Withdraw (W on transcript): Nov. 21, 2014

Calculus I or III Drop (no PSU record): Oct. 31
Calculus I or III Withdraw (W on transcript): Dec. 5
Credit and Credit Transfer
What is credit?

A college course is worth a number of credits (based on hours/week)

To graduate from college requires:
• Approx. 180 credits in quarter system
• Approx. 120 credits in semester system
About Credit Transfer

To transfer coursework credit earned from one university to another:

• An official transcript required
• Assessment based on the receiving university’s credit transfer policy (can be found on school websites)
• Can transfer in a variety of ways—direct credit, elective credit, a prerequisite waiver—depending on how similar a course is to that university’s offerings.
• Your transfer grade may be calculated separately from your college’s GPA, unless required for your major.
PSU Challenge Credit

- Challenge courses are 4-credit catalog-listed general requirements so they match easily to other university offerings.
- Grades are recorded at PSU on an official transcript, the same as for courses taken on campus.
- Our program is both State and Nationally accredited, providing evidence of quality to receiving universities.
- Our surveys to former Challenge students indicate that 92% of those requesting credit transfer received it.
Schools that have accepted PSU credit from the Challenge Program (we have not included State Universities or community colleges in this list). Please note that this is not a comprehensive list and we cannot always know if policies change:

Academy of Art University, SF  
Alabama, Birmingham, University of  
Alberton College  
American University  
Arizona, University of  
Arizona State University  
Azusa Pacific University  
Baylor*  
Barry University  
Belmont University  
Boise State University  
Boston University*  
Brigham Young University  
British Columbia, University of  
California, Berkeley, University of  
California, Davis, University of  
California, Los Angeles, University of  
California, San Diego, University of  
California, Santa Barbara, University of  
California, Santa Cruz, University of  
California Polytechnic (SLO)  
California State University, Chico  
Carlton College  
Canisius College  
Carroll College  
Cedarville College  
Chapman University  
Charleston, College of  
Clemson  
Colorado at Boulder, University of  
Columbia Christian College  
Concordia College  
Connecticut, University of  
Cumberland University  
Denver, University of  
DePaul University  
Eastern Washington University  
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  
Emerson College  
Evergreen State College  
Fisk University  
Foothill College  
George Fox College  
Georgia, University of  
Gonzaga University  
Howard University  
Idaho State  
Idaho, University of  
Illinois, University of  
Kilgore College  
Knox College  
La Salle University  
Lewis & Clark*  
Linfield College  
Lower Columbia College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Macalester College  
Marquette University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Miami University  
Milwaukee School of Engineering  
Minnesota, University of  
Missouri, University of  
Montana, University of  
Mount Holyoke College  
New England Conservatory of Music  
New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology  
New York University  
North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Northern Arizona University  
Northwest Nazarene College  
Notre Dame, University of  
Oklahoma Baptist University  
Oklahoma Christian University  
Pacific University  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Pepperdine University  
Pitzer*  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
Pomona College  
Portland, University of  
Redlands, University of  
Richmond, University of  
Ricks College  
Rice University*  
Rochester, University of  
Saint Louis University (Spain)  
Saint Olaf College  
San Francisco State University  
San Francisco, University of  
Santa Clara University  
Scripps  
Seattle University  
Seattle Pacific University  
Skidmore College  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Southern California, University of  
Southern Methodist  
Smith College  
Stanford University*  
Trinity University  
Utah, University of  
Vanguard University of Southern California  
Virginia, University of  
Warner Pacific College  
Washington, University of  
Washington State University  
Western Baptist College  
Westmont College  
Wheaton College  
Whittier College  
Whitworth College  
Wichita State University  
William and Mary, College of  
Wyoming, University of  
Wisconsin, University of  
Xavier University  
York College of Pennsylvania

* With evaluation, documentation or petition
Universities that Don’t Accept “Dual Credit”

Some elite and small private colleges—including Puget Sound, Whitman, Willamette—have transfer policies that exclude credit earned from dual credit program if:

- the course satisfied a high school graduation requirement (double dipping)
- the course wasn’t taught on a college campus
Making Informed Decisions about College

Average student loan debt as of 2013: $26,600

Factor credit transfer policies into your college decision.

When recruiters visit Westview, ask them about their policy on dual credit programs.

If a school you are interested in doesn’t accept “dual” credit, inform them that the ability to transfer your PSU credit is an important part of your decision.

You’ve earned this credit, so make it count!
The Last Word: If You Do Choose one of these Schools

- Don’t assume you can’t transfer credit; make the effort to try.
- Talk to Department Chairs who may be able to override Admissions policies. Be prepared to demonstrate your knowledge (syllabus, papers and exams, etc.)
- Contact us. We will advocate and support you.

“I just wanted to tell you that my PSU calculus credits are officially on my Rice transcript! Thank you so much for all your help.” [Summer 2010]

“I was successful in transferring my credits! The Western Civ credits went toward my history major, and the calculus covered my math requirements. For Literature I was given credit but was still required to take the writing classes provided by the school.” [Boston University, 2011]