

The Challenge Program

Grant High School 2024–25



PSU's Challenge Program

Challenge is a nationally accredited dual credit program offering Portland State University (PSU) college courses at Grant. 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. 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 \$1218 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 1st Deadline

HST 104: World History	Drop: October 21
HON 101: Global City	Withdraw: November 4
STAT 243Z: Elementary Statistics	Drop: November 4
WR 228: Media Writing	Withdraw: December 16

WINTER REGISTRATION – February 18th Deadline

HST 105: World History	Drop: March 3
HON 102: Global City	Withdraw: March 10
STAT 244: Prob & Stats II	Drop: March 17
WR 228: Media Writing	Withdraw: May 5

SPRING REGISTRATION – April 15th Deadline

HST 106: World History	Drop: May 5
HON 103: Global City	Withdraw: May 19

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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Grant Courses 2024–25

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.

The Global City

HON 101 (5 credits) \$224.40. Gavitte. **Register by October 1**

HON 102 (5 credits) \$224.40. Gavitte. **Register by February 18**

HON 103 (5 credits) \$224.40. Gavitte. **Register by April 15**

This sequence introduces ways to think critically about the urban environment and the interdependence between the city and the global world. It begins the study of representations and perceptions of the city, the city in historical context, and the processes that shape the city's geopolitical manifestations. *Grant students who complete this sequence of HON 101, 102, and 103 and maintain a 3.25 GPA are automatically accepted into the PSU Honors Program and receive a \$1,500 Scholarship.*

World History

HST 104 (4 credits) \$224.40. Gavitte. **Register by October 1**

HST 105 (4 credits) \$224.40. Gavitte. **Register by February 18**

HST 106 (4 credits) \$224.40. Gavitte. **Register by April 15**

Survey of world history from the earliest times to present, combining both chronological and thematic approaches.

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.

Probability and Statistics

STAT 243Z – Elementary Statistics (4 credits) \$224.40. Kurzer. **Register by October 1**

A first course in statistics focusing on the interpretation and communication of statistical concepts. Introduces exploratory data analysis, descriptive statistics, sampling methods and distributions, point and interval estimates, hypothesis tests for means and proportions, and elements of probability and correlation. Technology will be used when appropriate. This is the first course in a sequence of two: Stat 243Z and Stat 244 which must be taken in sequence. *Prerequisite: Completion of high school precalculus with a grade of C- or above.*

STAT 244 – Introduction to Probability and Statistics II (4 credits) \$224.40. Kurzer. **Register by February 18**

A basic course in statistical analysis including estimation, tests of significance, experimental design and analysis of variance, linear regression and correlation, nonparametric statistics, selected topics, applications, and use of statistical computer packages. A broad nontechnical survey designed primarily for non-math students who need to utilize the subject in their own fields. This is the second course in a sequence of two: Stat 243Z and Stat 244 which must be taken in sequence. *Prerequisite: Stat 243Z.*

Media Writing

WR 228 (4 credits) \$224.40. Daniels. **Register by October 1 and February 18**

An introductory course in news reporting and writing. The class publishes the award-winning, monthly Grant Magazine. Focus on identifying newsworthiness, writing leads, constructing news stories, interviewing, and attributing quotes, using publishing software, and meeting deadlines. *This course can be repeated in the second semester for a total of 8 credits.*

Go to pdx.edu/challenge-program for online registration