



The Challenge Program

St. Helens High School 2024–25

PSU’s Challenge Program

Challenge is a nationally accredited dual credit program offering Portland State University (PSU) college courses at St. Helens. 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 \$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

Registration, Drop, and Withdraw Deadlines

FALL REGISTRATION – October 1st Deadline

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| WR 121Z: Composition I | Drop: Nov. 4 |
| MTH 251: Calculus I | Withdraw: Dec. 16 |

WINTER REGISTRATION – February 18th Deadline

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| WR 121Z: Composition I | Drop: March 17 |
| MTH 252: Calculus II | Withdraw: May 5 |

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.”

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

PSU is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution

St. Helens Courses 2024–25

Courses mapped to Semesters – Single Term

These courses align with the first or second high school semester. Students register and pay once per course.

Composition I

WR 121Z (4 credits) \$224.40. Anderson. ****Register by October 1 and February 18****

Engages students in the study and practice of critical thinking, reading, and writing. The course focuses on analyzing and composing across varied rhetorical situations and in multiple genres. Students will apply key rhetorical concepts flexibly and collaboratively throughout their writing and inquiry process.

Courses mapped to Semesters – Sequence

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 251 - Calculus I (4 credits) \$224.40. Groom. ****Register by October 1****

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. Groom. ****Register by February 18****

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

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