

The Challenge Program

Northwest Academy 2024–25



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 \$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

SPAN 201: 2 nd Year Spanish	Drop: Oct. 21 Withdraw: Nov. 4
STAT 243Z: Elementary Statistics	Drop: Nov. 4 Withdraw: Dec. 16
MTH 251: Calculus I ENG 254: American Lit. WR 222: Writing Research Papers	Drop: Dec. 16 Withdraw: April 14

WINTER REGISTRATION – February 18th Deadline

SPAN 202: 2 nd Year Spanish	Drop: March 3 Withdraw: March 10
STAT 244: Introduction to Probability and Statistics II	Drop: March 17 Withdraw: May 5

SPRING REGISTRATION – April 15th Deadline

SPAN 203: 2 nd Year Spanish	Drop: May 5 Withdraw: May 19
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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 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.

Second-Year Spanish

SPAN 201 (4 credits) \$224.40. Middleton. **Register by October 1**

SPAN 202 (4 credits) \$224.40. Middleton. **Register by February 18**

SPAN 203 (4 credits) \$224.40. Middleton. **Register by April 15**

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 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. Hanes. **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. Hanes. **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.*

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 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.*

ENG 254 - Survey of American Literature (4 credits) \$224.40. Wiggins. **Register by October 1**

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 1**

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

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