

The Challenge Program

Grant High School 2025–26



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 \$1275 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 – September 30th Deadline

HST 104: World History	Drop: October 20
HON 101: Global City	Withdraw: November 3
STAT 243Z: Elementary Statistics I	Drop: November 3
WR 228: Media Writing	Withdraw: December 16

WINTER REGISTRATION – February 17th Deadline

HST 105: World History	Drop: March 2
HON 102: Global City	Withdraw: March 9
STAT 244: Prob & Stats II	Drop: March 16
WR 228: Media Writing	Withdraw: May 4

SPRING REGISTRATION – April 14th Deadline

HST 106: World History	Drop: May 4
HON 103: Global City	Withdraw: May 18

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."

Grant Courses 2025–26

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 September 30 **

HON 102 (5 credits) \$224.40. Gavitte. **Register by February 17**

HON 103 (5 credits) \$224.40. Gavitte. **Register by April 14**

This year-long 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. These courses are offered in a sequence of three, HON 101, HON 102, and HON 103, which must be taken in order. *Grant students who complete the HON 101, 102, and 103 sequence, maintain a 3.25 GPA, and apply to PSU are automatically accepted into the PSU Honors Program and receive a \$1,500 Scholarship.*

Introduction to World History

HST 104 (4 credits) \$224.40. Gavitte. **Register by September 30 **

HST 105 (4 credits) \$224.40. Gavitte. **Register by February 17**

HST 106 (4 credits) \$224.40. Gavitte. **Register by April 14**

A survey of world history from earliest times to the present, combining both chronological and thematic approaches. HST 104: Origins to 1000 CE, HST 105: 1000-1600 CE, HST 106: 1500-present. Courses are presented as a sequence of three: HST 104, HST 105, and HST 106.

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 I (4 credits) \$224.40. Kurzer. **Register by September 30 **

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. Not approved for major credit. 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 17**

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. Not approved for major credit. This is the second course in a sequence of two: STAT 243Z and STAT 244 which must be taken in sequence. *Prerequisite: STAT 243Z.*

Writing

WR 228 - Writing for Mass Media (4 credits) \$224.40. Daniels. **Register by September 30 and February 17**

An introductory course in reporting and writing for fact-checked mass media, such as newspapers and broadcasting. Focus on identifying and constructing stories, interviewing, and attributing quotes. *May be repeated once for a total of 8 credits.*