

# The Challenge Program

Leodis V. McDaniel High School 2025–26



## PSU's Challenge Program

Challenge is a nationally accredited dual credit program offering Portland State University (PSU) college courses at McDaniel. 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](https://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](https://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](https://pdx.edu/challenge-program/credit-and-transcripts)

### Registration, Drop, and Withdraw Deadlines

#### FALL REGISTRATION – September 30 Deadline

<b>SPAN 201:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Spanish	<b>Drop:</b> Oct. 20
<b>SPAN 301:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Spanish	<b>Withdraw:</b> Nov. 3

#### WINTER REGISTRATION – February 17th Deadline

<b>SPAN 202:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Spanish	<b>Drop:</b> March 2
<b>SPAN 302:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Spanish	<b>Withdraw:</b> March 9

#### SPRING REGISTRATION – April 14th Deadline

<b>SPAN 203:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Spanish	<b>Drop:</b> May 4
<b>SPAN 303:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Spanish	<b>Withdraw:</b> 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."

## McDaniel Courses 2025–26

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### 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. Rodriguez De Lort. \*\*Register by September 30\*\*

**SPAN 202** (4 credits) \$224.40. Rodriguez De Lort. \*\*Register by February 17\*\*

**SPAN 203** (4 credits) \$224.40. Rodriguez De Lort. \*\*Register by April 14\*\*

Intensive review of basic materials introduced in first-year program and further development of communication skills. *This course is taught in a sequence of three: SPAN 201, SPAN 202, and SPAN 203. It is preferable to take the sequence in order. Expected preparation: SPAN 103. Completion of this sequence fulfills the foreign language requirement for a Bachelor of Arts Degree for many institutions.*

#### Third-Year Spanish

**SPAN 301** (4 credits) \$224.40. Rodriguez De Lort. \*\*Register by September 30\*\*

**SPAN 302** (4 credits) \$224.40. Rodriguez De Lort. \*\*Register by February 17\*\*

**SPAN 303** (4 credits) \$224.40. Rodriguez De Lort. \*\*Register by April 14\*\*

Spanish language study to help develop advanced proficiency. Intensive grammar instruction in preparation for upper division courses in culture, linguistics and literature. Emphasis on speaking, listening comprehension, reading, and writing skills for analysis and research. *This course is taught in a sequence of three: SPAN 301, SPAN 302, and SPAN 303. It is preferable to take the sequence in order. Expected Preparation: SPAN 203*