



The Challenge Program

Pacific Crest Community School 2025–26

PSU's Challenge Program

Challenge is a nationally accredited dual credit program offering Portland State University (PSU) college courses at Pacific Crest. 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

Pacific Crest Courses 2025–26

This course is taught as a year-long course. Students register and pay once.

Registration, Drop, and Withdraw Deadlines

FALL REGISTRATION – September 30th Deadline

MTH 251Z: Differential Calculus	Drop: Dec 16 Withdraw: April 13
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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."

Calculus

MTH 251Z – Differential Calculus (4 credits) \$224.40. Cleland. **Register by September 30**

This course explores limits, continuity, derivatives, and their applications for real-valued functions of a single variable. These topics will be explored graphically, numerically, and symbolically in real-life applications. This course emphasizes abstraction, problem-solving, modeling, reasoning, communication, connections with other disciplines, and the appropriate use of technology. *Prerequisite: Completion of MTH 112Z, preferably with a grade of B or above.*