The Challenge Program
South Wasco County High School 2025–26

PSU's Challenge Program

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

MTH 251Z: Differential Calculus	Drop: Nov. 3 Withdraw: Dec. 16

WINTER REGISTRATION – February 17th Deadline

MTH 252Z: Integral Calculus	Drop: March 16 Withdraw: May 4

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."

South Wasco Courses 2025–26

This course is taught in a sequence of two aligned with the high school semesters. Students register and pay twice.

Calculus

MTH 251Z – Differential Calculus (4 credits) $224.40. Wills. **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.*

MTH 252Z – Integral Calculus (4 credits) $224.40. Wills. **Register by February 17**
This course explores Riemann sums, definite integrals, and indefinite integrals 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 MTH 251Z.*