The Challenge Program

Lincoln High School 2025-26



PSU's Challenge Program

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

Registration, Drop, and Withdraw Deadlines

FALL REGISTRATION – September 30 Deadline

PHL 308U:	Drop: December 16
Elementary Ethics	Withdraw: April 13

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."

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

Lincoln Courses 2025-26

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

Elementary Ethics

PHL 308U (4 credits) \$224.40. Buvinger-Wild. **Register by September 30**

General introduction to ethical theory. Attention will be given to such questions as whether there are objective moral distinctions, what makes right acts right and wrong acts wrong, and how we know (if we do) that actions are right or wrong. Among the theories to be considered are relativism, egoism, utilitarianism, and Kantianism.