

The Challenge Program

Riverdale High School 2025–26



PSU's Challenge Program

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

HON 101: The Global City	Drop: Oct. 20
G 201/204: Geology & Lab	Withdraw: Nov. 3
WR 121Z: Composition I	

WINTER REGISTRATION – February 17th Deadline

HON 102: The Global City	Drop: March 2
	Withdraw: March 9

SPRING REGISTRATION – April 14th Deadline

HON 103: The Global City	Drop: May 4
WR 222: Writing Research Papers	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."

Riverdale Courses 2025–26

Courses mapped to PSU Quarters – Sequence

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. Keldorf. Fall Quarter. **Register by September 30**

HON 102 (5 credits) \$224.40. Keldorf. Winter Quarter. **Register by February 17**

HON 103 (5 credits) \$224.40. Keldorf. Spring Quarter. **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.

Riverdale students who complete this sequence of HON 101, 102, and 103 and maintain a 3.25 GPA are automatically accepted into the PSU Honors Program and receive a \$1,500 Scholarship.

Courses mapped to PSU Quarters – Single Term

These courses align with PSU quarters (Fall, Winter, Spring) and are offered once per year. Students register and pay once.

Composition I

WR 121Z (4 credits) \$224.40. Tobin. Fall Quarter. **Register by September 30**

Engages students in the study and practice of critical thinking, reading, and writing. The course focuses on analyzing and composing across varied rhetorical situations and in multiple genres. Students will apply key rhetorical concepts flexibly and collaboratively throughout their writing and inquiry process.

Geology - Dynamic Earth: Interior and Lab

G 201 & G 204 (4 credits) \$224.40. Preacher. Fall Quarter. **Register by September 30**

Explores the Earth's structure and composition, why continents and oceans form, and how plate tectonics provide a unifying model to explain geological observations. Topics include the concept of deep time, the relationship between geology and topography, plate tectonics, volcanism, earthquakes, magnetism, rocks and minerals, mountain building, basin formation. Laboratory work involves basic geologic principles and processes emphasizing rocks, minerals, topographic and geologic maps.

Writing Research Papers

WR 222 (4 credits) \$224.40. Keldorf. Spring Quarter. **Register by April 14**

Introduction to academic inquiry, with focus on evaluating and engaging with secondary research and on conventions for documentation. *Recommended prerequisite: WR 121.*

Go to pdx.edu/challenge-program for online registration