



The Challenge Program

St. Mary's Academy 2025–26

PSU's Challenge Program

Challenge is a nationally accredited dual credit program offering Portland State University (PSU) college courses at St. Mary's. 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
MTH 252Z: Integral Calculus	
PS 101: US Government	
HST 102: Early Modern Europe and the World	
HST 203: US History	Drop: Dec. 16 Withdraw: April 13

WINTER REGISTRATION – February 17th Deadline

MTH 252Z: Integral Calculus	Drop: March 16 Withdraw: May 4
MTH 253Z: Calculus: Sequences and Series	
PS101: US Government	
HST 103: Modern Europe and the World	

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."

St. Mary's Courses 2025–26

Courses mapped to Semesters

These courses are taught in a sequence of two that aligns with the high school semesters. Students register and pay twice a year.

Calculus

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

This course explores limits, continuity, derivatives, and their applications for real-valued functions of a single variable. This course emphasizes abstraction, problem-solving, modeling, reasoning, communication, connections with other disciplines, and the appropriate use of technology. Prerequisite: Completion of MTH 112Z.

MTH 252Z - Integral Calculus (4 credits) \$224.40. Gardner. **Register by September 30**

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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.

MTH 253Z - Calculus: Sequences and Series (4 credits) \$224.40. Gardner. **Register by February 17**

Introduction to differential equations, infinite series, parametric equations, polar coordinates, and conic sections. Prerequisite: MTH 252.

Political Science

PS 101 - United States Government (4 credits). \$224.40. Housley. **Register by September 30 or February 17**

An examination is made of American government in theory and practice. Topics include: the constitutional foundations of American government; federalism, civil liberties, and civil rights; Congress and the legislative process; the presidency and modern bureaucracy; the Supreme Court and judicial policy-making.

History

HST 102 – Early Modern Europe and the World (4 credits) \$224.40. Housley. **Register by September 30**

Surveys the history of early modern Europe and its inter-regional and global connections from roughly 1400–1800 C.E.

HST 103 –Modern Europe and the World (4 credits) \$224.40. Housley. **Register by February 17**

Surveys the history of modern Europe and its inter-regional and global connections from roughly 1800 C.E. to the present.

Courses mapped to Academic Year

These courses are taught as year-long courses. Students register and pay once.

HST 203 - History of the United States (4 credits) \$224.40. Nyland. **Register by September 30th**

General survey of United States history. 1914 to present.