



SOUTHWESTERN OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Course Challenge & Prior Learning Assessment Form

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Student Name: _____ ID # _____

Challenges and Prior Learning Assessments (PLA) are for students who want to receive college credit for their prior learning efforts. Students must be working towards a degree, be enrolled, and complete a minimum of three credits at Southwestern during the quarter in which a class is challenged or prior learning is assessed. Students may request credit for prior learning up to 25% of their credits to satisfy the requirements for a 1-year certificate or 2-year degree. It is recommended that students check with their intended transfer school for acceptance of challenge/PLA credits. Challenge/PLA credits do not count towards determining financial aid or veteran's benefits. Payment is required before the Challenge/PLA process is started.

CHALLENGES The student arranges for the challenge, completes the requirements and/or test, and the results are graded. Grades are assigned by the instructor.	
Course title _____	
Course number _____	
Grade _____	Term _____
Course title _____	
Course number _____	
Grade _____	Term _____
Course title _____	
Course number _____	
Grade _____	Term _____
Payment is required for challenges before testing begins	
_____ Instructor's signature	_____ Date
_____ Vice President of Instruction	_____ Date

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT The student brings in a complete portfolio of his/her work history. This may require transcripts from the DPPST. Some classes may require an additional project or paper to ensure the concepts have been realized. This process can take three weeks or longer.	
Course title _____	
Course number _____	
Grade _____	Term _____
Course title _____	
Course number _____	
Grade _____	Term _____
Course title _____	
Course number _____	
Grade _____	Term _____
Payment is required for the PLA before assessment begins	
_____ Instructor's signature	_____ Date
_____ Vice President of Instruction	_____ Date

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Meet with the instructor for approval, and determine the number of course credits you will challenge/PLA.
2. Return this form to the Student First Stop Center, and pay the fee (1/2 the cost of tuition per course credit).
3. Submit this form and receipt to the instructor, and make arrangements to complete the challenge/PLA process.
5. Complete requirements as agreed upon.
6. The instructor will forward the completed form to the Vice President of Instruction for approval.
7. Grades earned are official and will be on your transcript at the end of the term. Grades range from "A" to "F".

I have read and understand the challenge/PLA rules and agree to the conditions and requirements.

Student's signature _____ Date

Challenges and Prior Learning Assessment Fee:

Number of course credits _____ x 1/2 of current tuition _____ = \$ _____

Receipt number	_____
Amount	_____
Date	_____
Cashier	_____