

Challenge Examinations

Students with prior knowledge equivalent to an SGU course may apply to sit a challenge examination. Challenge exams are not available for all courses.

The Challenge Exam application, must be submitted by the student and approved by the Course Instructor/ Director, the Department Chair, and the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, in the semester prior, to taking the Challenge Exam.

The [challenge examination](#) is prepared by the Course Instructor/Director and is equivalent to a comprehensive examination for that course.

Students will not be allowed to take more than three challenge examinations in a semester. Challenge exams are to be sat ONLY within the first week of the semester. A non-refundable \$100.00 USD administrative fee will be charged for each challenge examination.

The grade earned for a challenge examination is recorded on the transcript; both credit hours and grades are awarded. Students are only allowed to take a challenge examination once for each course. Students cannot take a challenge exam after failing the course.

In the event that students fail a challenge examination, they will be allowed to register for the course in the current (or subsequent) semester. Taking a challenge examination counts as one attempt at a course.