
About the Program

The Music Education program at Calhoun Community College provides accredited, transferable, university parallel training to prepare students for a wide range of musical careers, or develop musical skills for personal interests. Studies in music at Calhoun are of superior quality, taught by professional musicians. All private lessons (“applied study”) are taught by instructors who are specialists in voice, piano, organ and other instruments.

Recognized as a premier music program among two-year colleges in Alabama, many opportunities are available to Calhoun students to attend professional performances of operas, musicals, ballets, recitals, and concerts during each academic year. Students perform each semester in student recitals and present a sophomore recital at the completion of their studies.

Performance Opportunities*

Exceptional ensembles offer training and experience in performing and studying the finest musical literature. The Chorale is internationally recognized for its superior choral performances on annual concert tours. Other ensembles at the college include the following:

- The Guitar Ensemble
- The Piano Ensemble
- The Jazz Band
- The Connection

**All music courses and ensembles are open to any student regardless of academic major. Students should select ensembles based upon their applied major.*

Program of Study

All music classes are taught in the college’s Fine Arts Building, located on the Decatur campus. Housing one of the finest recital halls in the state, this building is the site of student, faculty and professional performances as well as ensemble concerts. Class instruction is enhanced by audio, video and computerized interfaces, an electronic piano lab, practice rooms and comfortable classrooms.

Career Opportunities in the Field

If you would like to pursue a career as a professional performer, choral director, band director, church musician, music scholar, composer/arranger, elementary music school teacher, orchestral conductor or any other musical career, Calhoun Community College will provide a sound foundation in helping you to attain your career objectives.

MUSIC EDUCATION

Associate of Science Degree

This program is designed for those planning careers in music. Voice or an instrument is elected by the student as an applied major. An audition will be held. Secondary piano is required for all who are not keyboard majors. A recital in the applied major is required at the end of the sophomore year. Students are required to complete four credits of music performance electives and/or secondary applied voice or

instrument. A faculty advisor should be consulted before these courses are scheduled.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS:

ORI 101 Orientation to College	1
ENG 101 English Composition I	3
ENG 102 English Composition II	3
Literature Elective	3
Math Elective (MTH 110 OR MTH 112)	3
Natural Science Electives (lab necessary)	8
History Sequence	6
Social/Behavioral Science Electives	6
*Humanities/Fine Arts Electives	6
SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

Total

*Recommended Humanities/Fine Arts electives:
ART 100, ART 203, ART 204, HUM 130, IDH 110, MUS 101, THR 120, OR THR 126.

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

CIS Elective(s) (CIS 146 or higher)	3
MUS 111 Music Theory I*	3
MUS 113 Music Theory Lab I	1
MUS 112 Music Theory II	3
MUS 114 Music Theory Lab II	1
MUS 251 Introduction to Conducting**	3
MUP Electives in major instrument or voice	4
MUL Electives in ensembles	4
Class Piano required for non-keyboard majors	
Total	22

*Requires minimum grade of “C” in MUS 110 or acceptable score on placement test (75%)

**Verify transferability with senior institution

TOTAL CREDITS.....64

About the College

Calhoun Community College is an active, viable member of the North Alabama community, providing educational and training opportunities to the citizens of this area. With approximately 9,000 students, Calhoun represents the essence of the two-year college mission of excellence in teaching and service.

Graduates of Calhoun Community College permeate the community. Many of them have gone on to complete baccalaureate degrees at other institutions or have entered the workforce after successfully completing programs of study at Calhoun and are among the nation's leading professionals.

In this brochure, we tell you more about one of the college's many exciting programs of study — **the Music Education program.**

How Do I Apply?

Everyone must submit an application for admission to either the Admissions Office on the Decatur campus or to the Huntsville site or Redstone Arsenal extension. At that time, you'll receive further information on admissions requirements.

How Much Will it Cost?

Tuition at Calhoun — the fees paid to take classes— is among the lowest in the area. A full-time student will pay between \$1140-\$1520 per 15-week semester. A single class will cost only \$285. Since the college does not have dormitories, the only other costs will be for transportation to and from class and books and supplies.

If you need help with college costs, the Office of Student Financial Services has information on grants, work study and performing arts scholarships in the Music Education program.

TUITION AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

Scholarships

For this program, scholarship auditions are held each March. Scholarships are available for voice, piano, guitar and other instruments. Recipients of performing arts scholarships are not required to be music majors. Recipients are, however, required to perform with ensembles to which they are assigned and take other music courses as assigned.

In addition to music and performing arts scholarships, the Frances P. Moss Scholarship is available through the Music Education program. This scholarship is given in honor of Calhoun music instructor Dr. Frances Moss, who has taught voice and conducted internationally recognized choirs since 1961. The scholarship is to assist a student who plans a career as a vocalist and/or choral conductor.

Need More Information?

Call or write

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or

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