

General Information

BOOKSTORE

The College Bookstore is an auxiliary service owned and operated by Calhoun Community College. The purpose of the Bookstore is to provide the college community with the widest possible selection of goods and services of high quality at equitable prices, with particular attention paid to academic requirements. For your convenience, we are located at Decatur and Huntsville/Research Park.

BUSINESS HOURS

DECATUR CAMPUS

Monday-Thursday

7:45 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Friday

7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

HUNTSVILLE/RESEARCH PARK

Monday-Thursday

12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Payment may be made by either cash, personal check or Master/Visa/Discover card. The following policy governs payment by check:

1. You must present your current student identification card.
2. Checks are accepted for the amount of purchase only.
3. Checks must be made payable to the college (two party checks and counter checks are not acceptable).
4. Phone number, student number and address must be recorded on face of check.

CASH REFUND POLICY

Full refund for textbooks will be granted provided the following conditions are met:

1. Returns MUST be accompanied by Cash Register receipt and drop or withdrawal slip.
2. Books MUST be in NEW condition, free of all markings with pen, pencil and erasers, etc. (used books obviously exempt). The bookstore will make the decision as to the condition of the book.
3. Returns will be accepted only during the first 15 days of the term for which they were purchased. After this period, refunds are considered on an individual basis.
4. Non-required course materials, supplies, clothing, etc. are not returnable.

**Refund policy for purchases paid for by check or charge card will vary from above procedure.

BOOK BUY BACK POLICY

Textbooks may be sold to the Bookstore during final exams at the end of each semester. Book buyback will be conducted during regular business hours. General buyback policy is as follows:

1. You must present your student identification card.
2. All titles will be considered 50% of retail price on current Calhoun titles, Blue Book (wholesale) on all others. This

includes overstock, predicted changes and titles not used at Calhoun.

3. Normal markings and underlining expected; however, books with excessive markings, water stains, broken bindings, loose pages, heavily soiled, etc. will not be purchased.

SECURITY/POLICE

The office of the Director of Calhoun Police is located in the octagon building beneath the flagpoles at the main entrance to the Decatur campus. The office is open 24 hours a day. The campus police at the Huntsville/Cummings Research Park location can be contacted in the Administrative office at that location. Officers are available whenever classes are in session. Calhoun police have the responsibility for the following:

1. Assisting students
2. Enforcing traffic and parking regulations
3. Providing for parking and traffic flow for special events

(Students, faculty, and staff must notify security when special events are scheduled on campus)

4. Issuing decals
5. Maintaining building security
6. Responding to any emergency situation

Phone: (256) 306-2574

Emergency Phone: 306-2911

Page : (256) 219-3459

NOTE: In case of a medical emergency, security will, at the individual's expense, call an ambulance for transporting to a nearby emergency room for treatment.

INSTRUCTIONAL INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

University Parallel

Students who plan to enroll for coursework which will transfer to a four-year institution are considered to be university parallel students. Enrollment may be for a minimum of one term or through completion of a two-year degree. Students should meet with an academic advisor to discuss programs of study and transfer requirements.

Transient

Students who have previously attended another college and who will be enrolled for only one semester and then return to the college of original enrollment are considered to be transient students. Students must submit an official letter from the parent institution they have been attending which specifies the course(s) to be taken and certifies that the credits earned will be accepted by transfer.

Career, Technical and Occupational

Students follow one of the career, technical, or occupational programs which lead to a certificate or degree.

Course Load

Students are classified according to the course load based on the credit hours for which they are enrolled on a semester basis.

Credit Hour Loads	Credit Hours
Full-Time	12 or more
Three-Fourths Time	9-11
One-Half Time	6-8
Less Than Half Time	5 or less

NOTE: To be eligible for financial assistance a student typically must be enrolled for at least 6 credit hours.

Drop-and-Add Period

The drop and add period will be the first three days of each semester excluding summer and mini terms. If a course meets once per week, the period will extend to the beginning of the second official class meeting day/evening. No grade will be assigned if a course is dropped during the drop/add period. See the section of this catalog on refund policy for refund information.

Withdrawals

A student who wishes to withdraw from a course(s) after the drop/add period may do so by having a withdrawal/drop form completed by Admissions/Records personnel or their designated representatives. A student may withdraw from a course(s) until the midpoint of the semester and be assigned the grade of “W” for each course.

If a student wishes to withdraw from a course(s) after the midpoint of the semester, but before the last class day prior to the finals, an instructor may assign a grade of “WP” if the student is passing at the time of withdrawal or a “WF” if the student is failing at the time of withdrawal.

Grades

The following letter symbols are used to indicate the student’s level of achievement in courses taken:

- A - Excellent (90-100)**
- B - Good (80-89)**
- C - Average (70-79)**
- D - Poor (60-69)**
- F - Failure (Below 60)**

- AU - Audit**
- I - Incomplete**
- IP - In Progress**
- W - Withdrawal**
- WF - Withdrawal Failing**
- WP - Withdrawal Passing**

NOTE: Some programs and/or courses may require a higher numeric range than the standard noted above.

A, B, C, are letter grades which represent levels of accomplishment sufficient to allow students to progress satisfactorily toward graduation and/or prerequisite requirements.

D is a letter grade which indicates minimum level accomplishment. Some courses/programs require a minimum of a “C” grade to progress to the next course or to remain eligible for continuation in a program of study.

F is the letter grade assigned to students who fail to meet minimum

course requirements.

W, WP, and WF are letter grades assigned when a student withdraws from a course/courses after the designated drop/add period. The grade of W is assigned to a student who officially withdraws from a course(s) by the date designated as the midpoint of the term. The grade of WP may be assigned after the midpoint of the term and indicates the student is passing the course at the time of withdrawal. The grade of WF may be assigned after the midpoint of the term and indicates the student is failing at the time of withdrawal. The WF is punitive and will be calculated as an F in the grade point average. Withdrawal from course(s)/program(s) should be initiated by the student. Students must notify the Office of the Registrar of their intent to withdraw from a course, courses, or programs.

I as a letter grade indicates incompleteness of course requirements; thus an “I” is not a satisfactory completion and will not allow a student to progress to the next course level. An “I” is awarded only under extenuating circumstances. An “I” typically is used to signify that an instructor has granted permission to a student to complete work or that the Dean or designee has approved the student take his/her final examination late. Other circumstances as approved by the instructor and/or Dean or designee may be granted. The student must be aware that he is **not** to sign up for the course again, but to see the instructor **promptly** and complete the course requirements.

Regardless of the circumstances, a grade of I must be changed by the end of the following term or it will be converted to an F.

IP as a letter grade indicates IN PROGRESS and may only be assigned to developmental credit courses, practicums, and internships. The awarding of an IP is the option of the instructor, provided the student has been in regular attendance and has demonstrated conscientious effort yet has not achieved course mastery. Students who receive an IP must repeat the course; it is not satisfactory completion.

Grade Points

A student’s academic standing or grade point average is a means to evaluate the overall quality of work being done. In order to perform this measure, the following grade points are assigned.

A	4	grade points per hour
B	3	grade points per hour
C	2	grade points per hour
D	1	grade point per hour
F	0	grade points per hour
WF	0	grade points per hour

The student’s grade point average is obtained by dividing the total grade points earned by the total number of semester hours for which the grades of A, B, C, D, F, or WF are assigned. Marks of W, WP, I, IP, and AU do not affect the grade point average. A student must have a total overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) on all courses accepted for graduation in order to be eligible for graduation from Calhoun.

Grade Appeal Procedure

Student grade appeals may be expected to occur in a large and complex institution. The prevailing philosophy of the institution is that such appeals be handled informally if possible. Only after full and comprehensive attempts have been made by students and faculty to resolve grade appeals have failed should a formal procedure be initiated. It is self-evident that an appeal should be resolved as close to the

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beginning of the institution's organizational chart as possible; it is further self-evident that grade appeals be handled informally through discussion if at all possible.

There is no appeal procedure if six months of calendar time has elapsed; therefore, the grade appeal procedure must be initiated by the student within six months from the time the grade is received. There are two procedures for appealing a final grade. The first applies if the appeal is within the first eight weeks of the semester immediately following the one for which the grade was received. The second final grade appeal procedure applies if the appeal is after the first eight weeks of the succeeding term. (The summer term may be excluded.)

- A. Procedure for appealing a final grade during the first eight weeks of the following semester:

A student may appeal the final grade received for a course by following the procedures outlined here. Grades received during the academic term for performance, tests, or other activities are private and confidential material between the student and the instructor and are not intended to be covered by the procedures. Daily grades may be considered only as evidence in the formal part of the appeal process, viewed solely on the basis of "a need to know," and handled in such manner so as to continue confidentiality.

1. The student should consult with the instructor promptly after receiving a final grade which he or she feels is unwarranted. If the appeal is not satisfied at this level, the Department or Division Chairperson should meet with either or both in an informal attempt to reach closure. The burden of proof in the grade appeal lies with the student. If the appeal is resolved at this point, a "memorandum of record" should be prepared by the Division or Department Chairperson and be maintained on file. The memorandum will serve as the institution's record that the disagreement was resolved informally.
2. If closure is not reached by using the informal approach, the student may file a formal grade appeal with the appropriate Department or Division Chairperson. This writing must be dated and filed with the appropriate person prior to the midpoint of the succeeding semester. (The summer term is excluded from the definition of "succeeding semester" except in cases when the instructor who assigned the grade is teaching during the summer term.) The formal grade appeal must state the reasons for the request, include the dates involved, name the instructor who assigned the grade, and include the previous attempts at resolving the situation informally. The burden of proof in the grade appeal lies with the student.
3. Prompted by the Department or Division Chairperson, the divisional grade appeal committee is limited to two calendar weeks from the date of the appeal to convene, gather evidence, and conduct a hearing. Appropriate evidence in support of the appeal must be provided by the student. However, the committee may request the student's materials from the instructor in cases where the instructor possesses the evidence. Grade and attendance records may be request-

ed of the instructor. However, neither tangential issues nor individual personalities will be considered by the committee. To maintain the confidentiality of the hearing, only committee members, the instructor, and the student may be present at the proceedings.

Each division shall maintain a divisional grade appeal committee. Divisions may elect members or members may be appointed by the division chair. The divisional grade appeal committee should contain no fewer than three full-time faculty members. Members should rotate off the committee on a yearly basis. If a committee member is unable to serve due to involvement in the specific case being heard, the division chair will appoint a substitute for that particular case. The chairperson of the Divisional Grade Appeal Committee will be elected by the membership and will have the following duties: arrange times and places for the committee meetings and hearings; inform in writing all parties of the committee's activities; ensure that proper records are prepared, maintained, and safeguarded; and chair all meetings and hearings.

The Chair of the committee shall ensure that hearings are reasonable and fair; that only matters properly before the committee are discussed; that meetings and hearings are conducted in a professional atmosphere; and that every attempt is made to protect the integrity of the parties involved.

Committee members must be present at all hearings in order to vote following deliberations. (If, in the committee's opinion, special experience or expertise is necessary for sufficient information to be available or if the appeal is of such sensitivity that it should not hear the appeal, the Chairperson shall so advise the Dean of Instruction and Student Services or designee. The Dean will then appoint a special appeals committee of institution-wide membership to hear the specific case.)

4. Following the conclusion of the hearing, the committee will deliberate privately as appropriate and prepare a written recommendation for the Dean of Instruction and Student Services or designee to be submitted not later than seven calendar days after the date of the hearing. Their recommendation will be either to retain the grade or to alter it. If the recommendation is to alter, the specific grade after alteration will be indicated. The recommendation should include a brief summary of the facts of the hearing and the reasons for the committee's decision. The deliberations and recommendation of the committee are confidential. The committee may meet with the Dean of Instruction and Student Services or designee at the Dean's discretion to discuss actions, deliberations, and recommendations.
5. The Dean of Instruction and Student Services or designee will provide a statement of the decision to the student within one calendar week following the committee's recommendation. Copies of the statement of decision will be provided to the appeal committee, the Division Chairperson, and the faculty mem-

ber involved. The decision of the Dean of Instruction and Student Services or designee is final. (CCC)

B. Procedure for appealing a final grade after the first eight weeks of the following semester:

Within six months from the time the student received the grade being appealed, the student must initiate the process with the instructor of the course for which the grade was received. This appeal process is strictly informal in nature and must remain a discussion between the student and the instructor of the course. The instructor's decision is final. There is no appeal procedure for final grades if six months of calendar time has elapsed.

Course Forgiveness Policy

Courses undertaken at Calhoun may be repeated at Calhoun. The last grade earned excluding W, WP, and AU will be the grade used for graduation audits. Courses may not be repeated at another institution and used as a component of Calhoun's Course Forgiveness Policy.

1. If a student repeats a course once, the second grade (excluding grades of W, WP, IP or AU) replaces the first grade in his/her cumulative grade point average if the student files a written request with the Admissions and Records Office.
2. When a course is repeated more than once, all grades for the course, excluding the first grade, will be employed in computation of the cumulative grade point average provided the student has requested course repeat as noted in item 1.
3. Transcripts will list all courses and the grades earned. A repeat symbol, 'R,' may denote a course repeat. Zero credit hours can also indicate a course repeat. A transfer institution may choose to average all coursework regardless of Calhoun's institutional policy.
4. A student must request, by submission of the appropriate form, that the Registrar implement the "Course Forgiveness" policy after a course has been repeated.

Auditing a Course

Instructions for auditing a course at Calhoun are as follow:

- A. A student who desires to audit a course must be admitted to the College;
- B. The student's intent to audit a course must be made by the end of the registration period and may not be changed thereafter. The Registrar will designate the student's audit status on the class roll;
- C. The student who audits a course will complete the same assignments as students who register for credit. In addition, the instructor may require the student who audits to take examinations. Nursing students who audit a course do not attend extended clinical labs.
- D. The cost of auditing a course is the same as for taking a course for credit.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM CHANGING

Request for a change of academic program should be submitted in writing to the Office of Admissions and Records.

Students should be aware of the possible consequences resulting from a change of academic program — transferability of courses completed, new requirements for graduation, job potential, etc.

Students should confer with an advisor prior to initiating a change of academic program.

Students affected by VA regulations should consult Veterans Services staff in the Financial Aid Office prior to initiating a change of major.

ACADEMIC BANKRUPTCY

- A. A student may request in writing to the Registrar a declaration of academic bankruptcy under the following conditions:
 1. If fewer than three (3) calendar years have elapsed since the semester for which the student wishes to declare bankruptcy, he/she may declare academic bankruptcy on all coursework taken during that one semester provided the student has taken a minimum of 18 semester hours of coursework at Calhoun since that semester. All coursework taken during the semester for which academic bankruptcy is declared, including hours completed satisfactorily, will be disregarded in the cumulative grade point average.
 2. If three (3) or more calendar years have elapsed since the most recent semester for which the student wishes to declare bankruptcy, the student may declare academic bankruptcy on all coursework satisfactorily completed during 1-3 semesters/terms provided the student has taken a minimum of 18 semester hours of coursework at Calhoun since the bankruptcy semester occurred. All coursework taken, during semester(s) for which academic bankruptcy is declared, including hours completed satisfactorily, will be disregarded in the cumulative grade point average.
- B. When academic bankruptcy is declared, the term "ACADEMIC BANKRUPTCY" will be noted on the transcript for each semester affected. When academic bankruptcy is declared, the transcript will reflect the semester of its implementation and the transcript will be stamped "ACADEMIC BANKRUPTCY IMPLEMENTED."
- C. A student may declare academic bankruptcy only once.
- D. Implementation of academic bankruptcy at Calhoun does not guarantee that other institutions will approve such action. This determination will be made by the respective transfer institution(s).

Student Course Overloads

A full-time student must be enrolled for 12 semester credit hours or more each term. Students may register for more than 19 semester credit hours only with the written permission of the Dean of Instruction and Student Services or designee. No student will be approved for more than 24 semester credit hours in any one term for any reason. "Miniterms/minimesters" are only a part of a full term/semester and are not considered as stand-alone/individual terms. No more than two (2) laboratory courses will be approved as part of any overload request.

To be considered for an overload, the student must meet the following criteria:

1. Have successfully completed a minimum of 18 semester credit hours with Calhoun; and
2. Have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA for all coursework completed at Calhoun.

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ADVANCED STANDING CREDIT

Credit by Transfer

Refer to General Principles for Transfer of Credit on page 18.

Credit from Nontraditional Sources

Calhoun Community College provides an opportunity for students to earn a reasonable amount of credit toward the Associate Degree or Certificate through methods other than formal classroom instruction. While nontraditional credit may apply toward degree and certificate programs granted by the college, it should not be assumed that such credit will automatically be accepted by other colleges.

Not more than 25% of total credit required for any program may be awarded through nontraditional means towards a degree from Calhoun. Students may not earn credit through nontraditional sources for any course in which a grade has been previously received. The types of nontraditional credit and procedures to follow are listed below:

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM-CLEP

Calhoun Community College honors credit earned through CLEP examinations provided appropriate scores are achieved and certain conditions are met. A minimum score at or above the 50th percentile is required for specific course credit.

Any elective credit earned by nontraditional means may apply toward the total number of hours required for graduation but may not apply toward specific requirements in a particular subject area. For example, elective credit in English will not meet degree requirements of six hours of composition.

Credit for SUBJECT EXAMINATIONS may be granted provided the student has not been enrolled for more than one week in the course for which credit is to be earned. CLEP credit is not granted for college level courses previously failed, for courses in which credit for higher level course work has been earned, or for both subject examination and its course equivalent. The CLEP Subject Exam will supercede the CLEP General Exam; credits will not be awarded for the Subject and General Exam in the same discipline.



CLEP SUBJECT EXAMINATIONS

Examination	Approx. Score	CCC Equivalent	Sem. Hrs.
Scores for computer based tests only.			
Business			
Accounting, Intro.....	50	BUS 241-242	6
Information Systems and Computer Applications	50	CIS 130.....	3
Management, Prin.....	50	BUS 275	3
Marketing, Prin.....	50	BUS 285	3
Composition and Literature			
American Literature	50	ENG 251-252	6
Freshman College Composition	50	ENG 101-102	6
English Literature	50	ENG 261-262	6
Science and Mathematics			
Biology	50	BIO 103	4
Calculus with Elem. Functions.....	50	MTH 125.....	4
Chemistry.....	50	CHM 111-112	8
Social Sciences			
American History I.....	50	HIS 201	3
American History II	50	HIS 202	3
Human Growth & Dev.	50	PSY 210.....	3
Macroeconomics.....	50	ECO 231.....	3
Microeconomics.....	50	ECO 232.....	3
Psychology, Intro.....	50	PSY 200.....	3
Sociology, Intro.....	50	SOC 200	3

The scores listed above are reflective of the computerized CLEP examination. Students who have CLEP scores from a paper and pen examination should contact the Admissions and Records Office for minimum scores to determine credit awards. Scores are estimates and subject to change without notice.

The policy of granting credit through CLEP at Calhoun Community College may differ from policies at other colleges. Check with other colleges to obtain additional information. Area colleges offering the CLEP are Alabama A&M, Athens State University, and UAH.

POLICE ACADEMY WORK

Credit may be available for completion of approved Peace Officer Training Courses/Programs. Consult the head of the Law Enforcement Program or the Registrar for information.

SPECIALIZED MILITARY TRAINING

Calhoun adheres to policies prescribed by the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services published by the American Council on Education, in granting credit for military course work.

CREDIT FOR PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Credit may be granted through the following methods only:

1. Comprehensive Departmental Challenge Examinations;
2. CLEP General of Subject Examinations;
3. An evaluation of training as detailed in the National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs;
4. Professional Secretary Certification (CPS);
5. Other experiences which have been received by the American Council on Education and credit recommendations published.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST (AP)

Credit for the Advanced Placement Test will be awarded for a minimum score of three on subject tests. A maximum of 18 credits may be earned through the AP Program.

CAREER MOBILITY FOR PRACTICAL NURSES

Thirteen semester hours of nursing credit may be earned by challenge examination. See Nursing-Career Mobility under the College Program section of this catalog for program entry requirement.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING WITH INDUSTRY

Credit may be awarded for industry training provided:

1. A specific contractual agreement is in effect.
2. Industry training has been reviewed by the appropriate faculty in the discipline affected and specific written credit recommendations made and approved by the Dean or designee.
3. In no way shall this be interpreted as a means of reviewing industry training on an individual basis. Calhoun Community College does not conduct portfolio reviews.

BIO 103 PLACEMENT EXAM

The Biology 103 placement exam allows exemption of BIO 103 as a prerequisite only, no credit will be allowed for the course. If BIO 103 is required, credit must be earned. Students interested in attempting the BIO 103 PLACEMENT EXAM, should contact Ms. Patricia Lambert (256-306-2842 or psl@calhoun.edu) in the Natural Science Department for additional information. Cost, study components, and scheduling will be facilitated through Ms. Lambert.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT VIA TECH PREP ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Please refer to the Tech Prep section of this catalog for additional information.

PROBATION AND SUSPENSION

- A. Academic Standards of Progress
According to the number of hours a student has attempted with Calhoun, the following GPA levels must be met to remain in good academic standing:
 1. 12-21 credit hours attempted at Calhoun, minimum cumulative GPA of 1.50;
 2. 23-32 credit hours attempted at Calhoun, minimum cumulative GPA of 1.75;
 3. 33 credit hours or more attempted at Calhoun, minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.
- B. Clear Academic Status
A student's status is clear when the cumulative GPA is at or above the GPA required for the total number of credit hours attempted at Calhoun.
- C. Academic Probation
 1. When a student's cumulative GPA is below the GPA required for the number of hours attempted at Calhoun, the student is placed on Academic Probation.
 2. When a student on Academic Probation has a cumulative GPA below the requirement based on hours attempted at Calhoun, but the semester GPA is 2.00 or above, the student remains on Academic Probation.
- D. SUSPENSION - ONE SEMESTER
When the cumulative GPA of a student on Academic Probation remains below the GPA required for the total number of hours attempted at Calhoun and the semester GPA is below 2.00, the student is suspended for one

semester. The transcript will read SUSPENDED - ONE SEMESTER.

- E. SUSPENSION - ONE YEAR
A student readmitted after serving a suspension or upon appeal re-enters on Academic Probation. If the cumulative GPA remains below the level required for the total number of hours attempted at Calhoun and the semester GPA is below 2.00, the student will be suspended for one calendar year. The student's transcript will read SUSPENDED - ONE YEAR.
- F. APPEAL OF SUSPENSION
A student who wishes a reconsideration of his/her suspension, whether it is for one semester or for one year, must do so in writing to the College Admissions Committee. The student may present a rationale and/or mitigating circumstances in support of his/her request for readmission. The decision of the Admissions Committee for an appeal is final.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Regular class attendance is important for students to gain and demonstrate competency in course concepts and skills. Students are expected to accept responsibility for class attendance and to complete in-class work assignments and examinations as scheduled by the instructor.

Class attendance will not be used in determination of grades; however, some programs require attendance for program accreditation or certification. Students should consult departmental policies or guidelines for details.

Final Examination Attendance

Attendance at final examinations is mandatory. Such examinations are administered in all academic subjects at the end of each semester in accordance with an examination schedule issued by the Dean or designee. Any student who must miss a final examination has the responsibility of notifying his/her instructor to make arrangements to take the final examination on an alternate date, if possible. This is accomplished by filling out a form entitled "*Permission to Alter Final Examination Schedule*" which may be obtained in divisional/departmental offices. One copy of the form is retained by the faculty member and one copy is retained by the student. Faculty members should not change the published class examination schedule without prior approval from the Dean or designee.

RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

President's List

Calhoun publishes a President's List at the end of each semester. The President's List contains the names of all students carrying 12 or more semester hours who have earned a grade point average of 4.00. Developmental courses will not count toward minimum course load requirement for academic recognition.

Dean's List

Calhoun publishes a Dean's List at the end of each semester. The Dean's List contains the names of all students carrying 12 or more semester hours who have earned a grade point average of 3.50 through 3.99 and who have made no grade below a "C."

General Information

Developmental courses will not count toward minimum course load requirement for academic recognition. The GPA is figured by semester, and the Dean's List is not based on the student's cumulative GPA.

Phi Theta Kappa

Calhoun students who compile a 3.5 grade point average for 12 semester hours of non-remedial course work are invited to join Sigma Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for two-year colleges. Once admitted, members must maintain at least a 3.00 GPA to retain membership. Phi Theta Kappa members participate in scholastic and community service activities as well as social events and leadership training. Members may qualify for numerous scholarships to four-year colleges and universities throughout the United States. Phi Theta Kappa members are authorized to wear the prestigious gold membership pin after induction, and the distinctive gold tassel and stole with their graduation gown. The transcripts of Phi Theta Kappa members are stamped with the distinctive honors seal when forwarded to other colleges or universities. Membership in the society is considered an asset for an employment resume.

GRADUATION

Calhoun Community College awards the Associate in Arts, the Associate in Science, and the Associate in Applied Science Degrees, and Certificates for non-degree programs.

DEGREES

The **Associate of Arts Degree** is awarded to students who complete a planned university parallel program and the General Education Minimum Requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree as outlined in this catalog.

The **Associate of Science Degree** is awarded to students who complete a planned program in a specific field or area of concentration. A majority of the Associate of Science Degree Programs are designed for those students who plan to transfer to four-year institutions and pursue programs of study requiring specialization on the freshman and sophomore levels. However, certain Associate of Science Degree Programs are intended as two-year career-level programs.

The **Associate of Applied Science Degree** is awarded to students who satisfy the requirements of a specific career, technical, or occupational degree program as outlined in this catalog.

Degree Requirements

1. a. **Seven year review.** Students who have had an extended stay with Calhoun Community College may have coursework completed that is no longer valid. Therefore, any applicant for graduation who has coursework more than seven years old may be required to repeat coursework before a degree/certificate is awarded to insure that their skills and knowledge are at today's standards.
- b. Determine degree requirements for approved catalog. Students may elect to graduate using course requirements under the catalog in effect at the time of enrollment (provided the courses/programs are still available and understanding that a seven year review of courses will occur) or the catalog in effect at the time of graduation. Any exception to the catalog rule must be

approved by the registrar upon submission of an application for graduation.

2. Complete 60 - 72 semester hours of college credit work in planned program of study. (Courses considered as developmental will not apply to degree requirements.)
3. Earn a minimum grade point average of 2.00 in all courses taken for graduation.
4. Complete at least 16 semester hours at Calhoun Community College.
5. Be enrolled during the semester the degree is earned; or with the approval of the Dean or designee, a student may graduate if, within a calendar year of the last semester of attendance, he/she transfers to Calhoun no more than 6 credit hours required for completion of the program. A minimum grade of "C" is required in the courses transferred.
6. Submit an application for graduation to the Office of Admissions and Records at least one semester before graduation. Submit appropriate graduation fee to Business Office.
7. Clear all procedural, operational, and financial obligations to the college.

CERTIFICATES

Certificates are awarded to those students who successfully complete the designated requirements in career programs.

HONOR GRADUATES

To graduate with honor, a student must maintain the following quality point average on all college level course work considered for degree requirements. Also, the degree being conferred must require 32 or more semester hours.

Cum Laude	3.50 to 3.69 GPA
Magna Cum Laude	3.70 to 3.89 GPA
Summa Cum Laude	3.90 to 4.00 GPA

VISITING STUDENT PROGRAM

A cooperative arrangement exists with Alabama A & M University, Athens State University, Oakwood College, the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and Calhoun Community College. Under this arrangement, a student at any of the participating institutions may request permission to attend a class at one of the other schools. Conditions governing the granting of permission include the following:

1. The student must be a full-time student.
2. The student must have an overall "C" average.
3. The course desired must be unavailable at the student's home institution but be included in the student's home institution catalog.
4. The student's request must be approved by the student's advisor and other appropriate personnel.
5. Permission of the institution teaching the course is dependent upon availability of space for the visitor after its own students are accommodated.
6. Distance Education and CIS courses are restricted enrollment and are not normally available to visiting students.
7. Enrollment in courses is subject to appropriate prerequisite and/or placement testing.

Any student interested in participating in the Visiting Student Program should contact the Office of Admissions for additional information.

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LIBRARY SERVICES

<http://lib.calhoun.edu/lib/>

Mission: We put information in the hands of users.

Brewer Library, Decatur Campus

The mission of the Albert P. Brewer Library, located on the Decatur Campus, is to put information in the hands of users. Books, eBooks, magazines, journals, newspapers, CD-ROM, videotapes, books-on-CD, books-on-tape, microform, and reserve shelf materials are available. Computers provide access to online library resources through the Brewer Library/LRC website at <http://lib.calhoun.edu/lib/>.

Calhoun students (including Dual Enrollment) and faculty have online access to an array of licensed, online databases offered through the Alabama Virtual Library. Thousands of magazines, journals, newspapers, and trade publications offer full-text articles that can be printed from networked printers or e-mailed. All licensed, online databases are accessible on campus from networked computers and all are accessible remotely via authentication of a Username and Password. Information for remote access can be found on the Calhoun Library/LRC website at <http://lib.calhoun.edu/lib/unpw.html>.

College-by-Cassette videos DVDs and audiotapes are available at the Library circulation desk for check out by students enrolled in CBC courses. A collection of educational videotapes housed in Media Services is made available campus wide for viewing on demand in classrooms, laboratories, library study carrels, the VIP Room, and hyper-lecturing classrooms via the closed circuit campus television system.

Brewer Library has been a member of the Library Management Network, Inc. (LMN) since 1984. As a member of LMN, the library catalog (OPAC) enables users to search and locate books and eBooks in the collections of area libraries as well as the Brewer Library. Interlibrary loan is provided by the circulation staff to students, faculty, and staff who want to borrow a book held by an LMN library. The library catalog is available from the Brewer Library/LRC website at <http://lib.calhoun.edu/lib/>.

Reciprocal borrowing privileges are in place for Calhoun students to borrow books at the libraries of Athens State University and Alabama A&M University without a charge. The UAH Library charges a \$15 annual fee for the checkout of materials. All three libraries require the presentation of valid identification that identifies the student as registered at Calhoun for the current semester.

Point-of-use instruction, personal assistance in conducting library research and traditional reference services are available at all times the Library is open. Electronic reference service is available through the Library/LRC website. Hands-on instruction may be scheduled within the Library Instruction Room that is equipped with 23 student workstations by calling 256/306-2777. Orientation is provided through handouts, library guides, flyers, posters, the Library/LRC website.

For more information, including hours, please access the Brewer Library/LRC website.

Learning Resources Center, Huntsville Campus

The Learning Resources Center was opened in June 1998, at the Huntsville, Research Park campus.

Computer workstations offer access to licensed, online databases available through the Alabama Virtual Library. Articles may be printed from networked printers or e-mailed. These licensed databases with full-text articles are accessible to Calhoun students and faculty from networked computers on the Huntsville and Redstone sites and remotely (Off Campus) via a Username and Password. Information for remote access is found at <http://lib.calhoun.edu/lib/unpw.html>.

The library catalog (OPAC) displays the holdings in the LRC as well as the Brewer Library and includes the 27,400 eBooks available from NetLibrary. Students at the Huntsville campus may request a book from Brewer Library through interlibrary loan by making the request to the LRC circulation desk staff. A courier delivers books from Brewer Library to the LRC for checkout.

A small collection of paper magazines, journals, and newspapers is available for casual reading.

A Virtual Reference Desk available on the Library/LRC website offers general reference resources such as dictionaries and directories as well as information by subject. Subjects are arranged by academic divisions of the college.

A small collection of Human Resources books and magazines is owned by the North Alabama Chapter of Human Resources Management and housed at the LRC. Accessed through the Library Catalog, this collection is processed and maintained by the Library/LRC staff and available for use within the LRC by Calhoun students and faculty.

The Huntsville Literary Association contributes books to the LRC in the field of Southern Literature.

College-by-Cassette video, DVDs and audiotapes are available for checkout at the LRC Circulation Desk by students enrolled in CBC courses. CBC video Information Sessions, provided by some instructors for selected courses, are available at the LRC for viewing. LRC librarians offer library instruction to English 101 classes taught at the Huntsville and Redstone sites.

For more information, including hours, access the Brewer Library/LRC website at <http://lib.calhoun.edu/lib/>.

Center for the Study of Southern Political Culture

The Center for the Study of Southern Political Culture (CSSPC) is an archive and exhibit of political literature and related items from national, state, and local campaigns and political activities such as the Civil Rights Movement. The collection is housed in the LRC at the Research Park campus in Huntsville. It is currently open by appointment. Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Waymon E. Burke, Project Director.

General Information

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Calhoun Community College provides through a Child Development Center located on the Decatur campus, high quality education and child care to children of Calhoun students, faculty, and staff within the Calhoun service area. A fee for service is required.