

HANDICAP PARKING POLICY

Eligibility to access available handicap parking on campus requires that a student, faculty or staff member show proof that they are the legally registered recipient of the state issued handicap parking placard. A valid Calhoun ID along with a state issued handicap registration form must be presented to the Disabilities Services Office when requesting a campus parking placard. The Calhoun handicap parking placard must be displayed on the dashboard of the eligible vehicle when parked on campus.

ABANDONED VEHICLES

If a vehicle is left unattended or is left in the same place for more than ten (10) days, the vehicle will be considered abandoned and will be towed at the owner's expense. If a vehicle is illegally parked (for example, blocking another vehicle that is legally parked), the illegally-parked vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense.

PARKING/TRAFFIC CITATION APPEALS COMMITTEE

This is a three-member committee made up of students appointed by the Student Government Association. It is charged with the responsibility of hearing and ruling on each case in which a student appeals having received a parking ticket. The committee meets each Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the Student Activities Office, Decatur campus. Parking appeals at the Huntsville/Cummings Research Park campus should be made to the Dean for the Cummings Research Park campus.

RESTROOM POLICY

Restrooms are designated separately for men and women. Any individual caught in the opposite gender's restroom will be subject to disciplinary action and criminal trespassing. There will be no loitering in restrooms on Calhoun's campuses.

WEAPONS POLICY

No person shall keep, use, possess, display, or carry any rifle, shotgun, handgun, knife, bow and arrow, or other lethal or dangerous weapons or devices capable of casting a projectile by air, gas or explosion, or mechanical means on any property or in any building owned or operated by Calhoun Community College or in any vehicle on campus. Realistic facsimiles of weapons are also specifically not allowed.

If an instructor approves such items to be demonstrated for class purposes only, the instructor and student must obtain permission from Calhoun Police.

Any such person seen with or using such weapons on campus will be subject to disciplinary and criminal charges.

Pursuant to state board policy 511.01, Calhoun Community College adheres to the following:

Firearms are prohibited on campus or any other facility operated by the college. Exceptions to this policy are: Law enforcement officers legally authorized to carry such weapons who are officially enrolled in classes or are acting in the performance of their duties or an instructional program in which firearms are required equipment. If the off-duty officer is a student, he/she must notify campus police once a semester. A weapon is prohibited from any type of hearing for personal business.

ADMISSIONS POLICIES

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL APPLICANTS

All applicants/reapplicants must present identification documentation to the Admissions Office in the form of (1) one primary form, such as an unexpired driver's license, unexpired identification card, or unexpired U.S. Passport; or (2) secondary forms, one may be a non-photo

ID such as a social security card or birth certificate, and one must be a picture ID such as a military ID or employee ID. For further information concerning this policy or a list of acceptable forms of documentation, please contact the Admissions Office.

ADMISSION OF FIRST-TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS

Applicants who have not previously attended a postsecondary institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency or the Council on Occupational Education will be classified as first-time college students or "native" students.

ADMISSION TO COURSES CREDITABLE TOWARD AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE

To be eligible for admission to courses creditable toward an associate's degree, a first-time college student must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Applicant holds the Alabama High School Diploma (standard, credit based, or advanced), the high school diploma of another state equivalent to the Alabama High School Diploma, or an equivalent diploma issued by a non-public regionally and/or state accredited high school; or
2. Applicant holds a high school diploma equivalent to the Alabama High School Diploma (standard or advanced) issued by a non-public high school and has passed the Alabama Public High School Graduation Examination; or
3. Applicant holds a high school diploma equivalent to the Alabama High School Diploma* (standard or advanced) and has achieved a minimum ACT composite score of 16 or a total of 790 on the SAT; or
4. Applicant holds the Alabama Occupational Diploma, the high school diploma of another state equivalent to the Alabama Occupational Diploma, or an equivalent diploma issued by a non-public high school, and has achieved a minimum ACT composite score of 16 or a total of 790 on the SAT; or
5. Applicant holds a GED Certificate issued by the appropriate state agency.

*Minimum credit requirements for an Alabama standard diploma

- Minimum of 24 credits to include:

English Language	4 credits	
Mathematics	4 credits to include:	
	Algebra	1 credit
	Geometry	1 credit
Science	4 credits to include:	
	Biology	1 credit
	Physical Science	1 credit
Social Sciences	4 credits to include:	
	Social Studies	1 credit
	World History	1 credit
	U.S. History	1 credit
	Government	.5 credits
	Economics	.5 credits
Physical Education, Health Education and/or Fine Arts		2 credits
Computer Applications		.5 credits (may be imbedded)
Electives		5.5 credits

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Applicants who meet one of these criteria shall be classified as “Degree-Eligible” students. Calhoun Community College may establish additional admission requirements to specific courses or occupational degree programs when student enrollment must be limited.

ADMISSION TO COURSES NOT CREDITABLE TOWARD AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Applicants to courses not creditable toward an associate degree and programs comprised exclusively of courses not creditable toward an associate’s degree may be admitted provided they meet the standard admission criteria. Limestone Correctional Facility programs may have different admission requirements based on program eligibility.

Calhoun Community College has established higher or additional admission requirements for specific programs or services when student enrollment must be limited or to assure ability to benefit.

UNCONDITIONAL ADMISSION OF FIRST-TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS

For Unconditional Admission, applicants must have on file at the college a completed application for admission and at least one of the following:

1. An official transcript showing graduation with the Alabama High School Diploma (standard or advanced), the high school diploma of another state equivalent to the Alabama High School Diploma, or an equivalent diploma issued by a non-public regionally and/or state accredited high school; or
2. An official transcript showing graduation from high school with a high school diploma equivalent to the Alabama Public High School Diploma issued by a non-public high school and proof of passage of the Alabama Public High School Graduation Examination; or
3. An official transcript showing graduation from high school with a high school diploma equivalent to the Alabama High School Diploma issued by a non-public high school and evidence of a minimum ACT composite score of 16 or a total score of 790 on the SAT; or (See Admission to Courses Creditable . . . minimum requirements)
4. An official transcript showing graduation from high school with the Alabama Occupational Diploma, the high school diploma of another state equivalent to the Alabama Occupational Diploma, or an equivalent diploma issued by a non-public high school, and has achieved a minimum ACT composite score of 16 or a total score of 790 on the SAT; or
5. An official GED Certificate.

All male students between the ages of 18 and 26 must show proof of registration with the U.S. Selective Service System in accordance with §36-26-15.1 of the Code of Alabama of 1974 (as amended).

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION OF FIRST-TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS

Provided the applicant meets the admission standards for a first-time college student, a conditional admission may be granted to an applicant who does not have on file at the college at least one of the items listed under “Unconditional Admission of First-Time College Students” above.

No student shall be allowed to enroll for a second term unless all required admission records have been received by the college prior to registration for the second term. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the appropriate high school and/or agencies and have the official required documents mailed directly to Calhoun Community College.

If all required admission records have not been received by the col-

lege prior to issuance of first semester grades, the grades will be reported on the transcript, but the transcript will read CONTINUED ENROLLMENT DENIED PENDING RECEIPT OF ADMISSION RECORDS. This notation will be removed only upon receipt of all required admission records.

ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

An applicant who has previously attended another postsecondary institution which is accredited by a regional accrediting agency or by The Council on Occupational Education will be considered a transfer student and will be required to furnish official transcripts of all work attempted at all said institutions. Calhoun Community College may require submission of documents required of first-time college students to verify completion of a high school diploma, a GED, and the required ACT or SAT test scores.

A transfer student who meets requirements for admission to degree creditable courses and programs shall be classified as “degree-eligible.” A transfer student who does not meet the admission requirements will not be granted admission to Calhoun Community College.

Applicants who have been suspended from another institution for academic or disciplinary reasons will not be considered for admission except upon written appeal to the College Admissions Committee. Written appeals, along with official or unofficial college transcripts, must be submitted at least thirty days before the term of intended enrollment.

UNCONDITIONAL ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

1. For Unconditional Admission, transfer students must have submitted to the college an application for admission, official transcripts from all required sources, and any other documents required for admission.
2. Transfer students who attend another postsecondary institution and who desire to earn credits for transfer to that parent institution may be admitted to the college as **transient** students. The student must submit an application for admission and a transient letter from the institution they have been attending which certifies that the credits they earn will be accepted as a part of their academic program. Students are not required to submit transcripts since the transient approval letter will serve in lieu of transcripts.
3. Applicants who have completed the baccalaureate degree will be required to submit only the transcript from the institution granting the baccalaureate degree. NOTE: If the student intends to obtain a degree or certificate from Calhoun Community College, transcripts from all institutions must be submitted for evaluation prior to graduation. If the student intends to register for courses requiring prerequisites that have been fulfilled at another institution, transcripts from those institutions must be submitted for evaluation prior to enrolling in those courses at Calhoun Community College.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

1. Transfer students who do not have on file official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended and any additional required documents may be granted a Conditional Admission for one term. No transfer student shall be allowed to enroll for a second semester unless all required admission records have been received by the College prior to registration for the second semester.
2. If all required admission documents are not received by the end

of the first term, continued enrollment will be denied. Grades for the first term will be posted to a transcript and annotated to read CONTINUED ENROLLMENT DENIED PENDING RECEIPT OF ADMISSION RECORDS. This notation will be removed only upon receipt and review of all required admission records.

INITIAL ACADEMIC STATUS OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

1. An initial academic status cannot officially be determined until all official documents are received and reviewed. Once records are received, an initial status will be determined for the student's first term of enrollment. Submission of incorrect or false information on the application for admission could result in immediate removal from the college and forfeiture of all tuition, fees, and other monies.
2. A transfer student whose cumulative grade point average at the transfer institutions is 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale will be admitted with Clear academic status.
3. A transfer student whose cumulative grade point average at the transfer institution is less than a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale but is not on academic suspension/dismissal will be admitted on Academic Probation. The Calhoun transcript will be annotated to read ADMITTED ON ACADEMIC PROBATION.
4. A transfer student applicant who has been academically suspended (dismissed) from another regionally or Council on Occupation Education accredited postsecondary institution may be admitted only after following the appeal process established for "native" students. Calhoun Community College requires that the applicant submit a written appeal to the College Admissions Committee along with all official transcripts. Written appeals, an application, and transcripts must be received by the Admissions Committee, prior to the first official class day. No appeals will be considered on or after the first official class day for that term. If the transfer student is admitted upon appeal, the student will enter the college on Academic Probation. The Calhoun transcript will read ADMITTED UPON APPEAL – ACADEMIC PROBATION.
5. A transfer student admitted on academic probation retains that status until the student has attempted 12 credit hours at Calhoun Community College. If the student's cumulative GPA at Calhoun is below a 1.5 after the semester in which 12 or more credit hours are attempted, the student will be placed on academic suspension for at least one semester. More stringent guidelines may be placed on students by the College Admissions Committee when written appeals are approved.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR TRANSFER OF CREDIT

1. Transfer credit will be evaluated and recorded by the end of a student's first term of enrollment. Transfer credit evaluations will only be conducted when all official transcripts have been received. Students will be notified in writing of the results of their evaluation. (A review of records by counselors, advisors, faculty, etc. for advising purposes does not constitute an official evaluation.)
2. Coursework transferred or accepted for credit toward an undergraduate program must represent collegiate coursework relevant to the formal award with course content and level of instruction resulting in student competencies at least equivalent to those of students enrolled in the institution's own undergraduate formal award programs. A course completed at other regionally or Council on Occupational Education accredited postsecondary institutions with a passing grade (C minimum required in Composition courses) will be accepted for transfer as potentially creditable toward graduation requirements.

3. A transfer student from a collegiate institution not accredited by the appropriate regional association or Council on Occupational Education may request an evaluation of transfer credits after completing 15 semester hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
4. A transfer grade of "D" will only be accepted when the transfer student's cumulative transfer GPA is 2.0 or above. Regardless of the GPA, a "D" in English Composition courses will be not accepted in transfer. Please note that some programs/courses require minimum grades of "C", thus a "D" will not transfer.
5. Transfer course grades are not calculated into a student's grade point average. Transfer grades are only calculated into a grade point average for graduation and honors consideration.
6. Credit may be extended based on a comprehensive evaluation of demonstrated and documented competencies and previous formal training. Please refer to the section on Credit from Nontraditional Sources in this catalog.
7. The criteria for awarding credit for work completed in foreign colleges and universities will be the same as for other institutions within the United States. Students wishing to receive transfer credit for such foreign study must provide an English translation and a detailed report from an acceptable foreign credentials evaluation firm. Such a report must outline recommendations for awarding specific credit for specific courses. Currently, most of these reports are "course-by-course" evaluations provided by Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc., P.O. Box 17499, Milwaukee, WI 53217. There are other companies which provide the same service. For further information, contact the International Student Advisor.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS—(F-1 VISA HOLDERS)

Calhoun Community College accepts international students who have F-1 visas and who meet the academic, linguistic, and financial requirements outlined below:

First Time College Students

- An international student who holds an American high school diploma or a diploma from his/her country that is equivalent may be eligible for admission.
 - Prospective international students must submit all of the following to be considered for admission.
 - 1) A complete application in English.
 - 2) Official transcripts/leaving certificate in English that document graduating from a secondary school that is equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma. The transcript/leaving certificate must be forwarded directly to Calhoun Community College from all institutions previously attended. Translation of all documents is the responsibility of the applicant.
 - 3) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) requirements:
 - a. A minimum written score of 500 (or)
 - b. A minimum computer-based score of 173 (or)
 - c. Internet based score 61 (or)
 - d. IELTS ranging 5.5-6.0
 - e. The scores must be mailed directly from the Educational Testing Services to the Office of Admissions and Records. Personal copies are **not accepted**.
 - f. The TOEFL Test is not administered at Calhoun Community College.
- EXCEPTIONS (TOEFL)**
- a. a graduate of an accredited U.S. high school or an

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- b. a citizen of an English-speaking country that has been granted exemption to the TOEFL policy.
- 4) A signed, notarized statement declaring that the international applicant will be fully responsible and that funds are available for financial obligations during an enrollment with Calhoun Community College. Financial obligations include but are not limited to: tuition and fees, books and supplies, living expenses, housing, and miscellaneous expenses.
- 5) Documentation of insurance must declare adequate health and life insurance (which must include medical repatriation and medical evacuation expenses). It must be maintained during any and all terms of enrollment with Calhoun Community College.

All required documents should be forwarded directly to the International Student Advisor, Calhoun Community College.

Transfer Students – International

Any international student who has attended an accredited college or university may be considered for admission as a transfer student. Transfer students must comply with all items listed under **First-Time Students – International** except Item 5. In addition to all items listed, an international student who wishes to apply to Calhoun Community College must:

- a) Have official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities attended mailed directly to Calhoun Community College.
- b) Complete a transfer clearance form (obtain from school advisor to which he/she is transferring).
- c) Be in-status at the most recent college/university attended. Individuals who are out-of-status must apply for reinstatement through their former school.

All documents required for admission as a First Time college student or Transfer student must be on file before an admission decision will be made. I-20s will only be issued to applicants who meet all criteria and are, if transferring, in status with the Immigration and Naturalization Services. Calhoun is unable to issue an I-20 for any individual who is out-of-status.

Note: International students who have completed ENG 101 or its equivalent at an accredited college or university with a grade of C or better may be exempt from the TOEFL requirement.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS PROGRAMS

Calhoun Community College, in conjunction with our area high schools, offers “honor” students the opportunity to enroll for college coursework. Two programs have been approved by the Alabama State Board of Education, the Accelerated High School Student Program and the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit for High School Student program. Even though the basic criteria for enrollment is similar, each program is unique. Review the following and discuss with your counselor your eligibility and which program best meets your needs.

ACCELERATED HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Calhoun Community College offers qualified high school students the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. Students who attend accredited high schools must meet the criteria listed below:

- 1. The student must have successfully completed the 10th grade;
- 2. The student must provide certification (form available online at www.calhoun.edu) from the local principal and/or his/her

- designee that the student has a minimum cumulative “B” average and recommends the student for enrollment;
- 3. The student may enroll only in postsecondary courses for which the high school prerequisites have been completed (for example: a student may not take English Composition until all required high school English courses have been completed).

Exceptions may be granted by the Chancellor for a student documented as gifted and talented according to the standards included in the State Plan of Exceptional Children and Youth. Exceptions may only apply to items 1 and 2 noted above.

Students who attend a non-accredited high school must meet additional criteria as listed below:

- 1. Comply with items 1, 2, and 3 as noted above.
- 2. Provide ACT scores with a composite of at least 16 or total math and writing of 790 on the SAT.

Students who are home schooled are not eligible unless they are under the auspices of an accredited high school and can provide proper documentation of all items noted above.

DUAL ENROLLMENT/DUAL CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PROGRAM

The Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit for High School Students program allows qualified students the opportunity to receive both high school and college credit. The program is restricted to qualified students in Alabama high schools and home schools which have signed a working agreement with Calhoun Community College.

Criteria for student eligibility is developed by each individual school system and may be more restrictive than the minimum criteria that follows:

- 1. The student must have a “B” average in completed high school courses;
- 2. The student must have written approval (application and approval form available online at www.calhoun.edu) of his/her principal and the local superintendent of education; and
- 3. The student must be in grade 10, 11, or 12.

Determination of the equivalencies of Calhoun Community College coursework toward high school graduation requirements is at the discretion of the high school system. Minimally, one 3-semester hour course equates to one-half unit.

Courses eligible for Dual Enrollment include any college-level courses in English, foreign languages, mathematics, science, or social science; any occupational/technical courses; or any other courses agreed upon by the school system and the college. Students must meet the course prerequisites prior to enrollment in any of these courses including completion of the Calhoun Placement Examination and/or minimum levels on the ACT or SAT in English and Mathematics. Students may not enroll in developmental courses, physical education courses, nor may they enroll in any course on an audit basis under the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit program. Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit students are not eligible for federal financial aid.

Students in the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit program may take their coursework at any Calhoun campus. Students should consult the college’s current course offering schedule or contact the academic advising centers for information on the dates, times and locations of courses. Calhoun also offers courses at selected school campuses.

Information is available through local high school counselors.

For additional or more specific information contact your high school counselor or the Calhoun Community College *Dual Enrollment Coordinator*, Ms. Gwen Baker at (256) 306-2665.

EARLY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT PROGRAM (ECEP)

The Early College Enrollment Program (ECEP) allows qualified high school juniors and seniors with a stated interest in vocational/technical fields to enter a technical or community college early. Students must have a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in required high school courses and must have passed the high school exit exam.

ECEP participants earn credits applicable toward high school graduation and college degree requirements at no cost to the student. Participation in the ECEP does not affect a student's eligibility to participate in high school extracurricular activities. Any public community and/or technical college and public high school in Alabama may provide the ECEP option for secondary students.

Students are not restricted to attending the two-year college(s) where service area(s) includes their high school. Participation in the ECEP is at the discretion of the local education agency (LEA) and ECEP enrollment is limited to courses that are not available within the system at the local high school or career tech center or for students who are classified as program concentrators (must have completed two courses within a pathway). Students selected to participate in ECEP complete their remaining high school credits on the college campus, while also taking courses in their chosen vocational/technical field.

The cost of tuition shall be a maximum of \$1,000 per student per semester and shall be the responsibility of the Local Education Agency. There is not cost for tuition to the ECEP students. Contingent upon the availability of postsecondary funding each year, there is not cost for tuition to the ECEP student or the LEA. If funds are not available to provide tuition vouchers, the cost of tuition shall be a maximum of \$1,000 per student per semester and shall be the responsibility of the LEA.

For additional or more specific information contact your high school counselor or the Calhoun Community College Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Ms. Gwen Baker, at (256) 306-2665.

AUDIT STUDENTS

Auditors are students who register for credit courses on a non-credit basis. The College may require complete academic records for any applicant. In the absence of complete academic records, the College may accept as the basis of admission the information provided by the applicant on the regular application form. Auditors will under **no** circumstances receive credits applicable to degree requirements. Students will not receive punitive grades, but they may be assigned a W for absences or removal from class. Tuition and fees for courses audited are the same as those for courses taken for credit. Students may not change from "Credit" to "Audit" or "Audit" to "Credit" after the Drop/Add period.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Students Entering College for the First Time

1. Applicants must complete an application for admission and sub-

mit it to the Admissions Office at Calhoun Community College. Applicants should submit their application as early as possible prior to the semester in which they plan to enroll. Applications may be submitted online at <http://www.calhoun.edu/applyonline/index.htm> or mailed to the address listed below:

Admissions Office
Calhoun Community College
P.O. Box 2216
Decatur, AL 35609-2216

2. Applicants must request that the high school from which they graduated mail their official transcript directly to the Admissions Office at the address listed above. Test scores, if applicable, must also be forwarded directly to Admissions.
3. Applicants who hold a GED must have an official GED transcript sent directly to the Admissions Office at the address noted above.

Transfer Students

1. Transfer applicants must complete an application for admission and submit it online, in person, or by mail to the Admissions Office, Calhoun Community College. The application should be submitted as early as possible prior to the semester of intended enrollment. Applications may be mailed to the address listed below:

Admissions Office
Calhoun Community College
P.O. Box 2216
Decatur, AL 35609-2216

2. All transfer applicants must have official transcripts from all other colleges or universities forwarded directly to Calhoun's Admissions Office at the address noted above. It is the student's responsibility to request his/her official records be forwarded in a prompt and complete manner to clear his/her admission to Calhoun Community College. Transcripts from high school, ACT/SAT test scores or a GED certificate are also required from students who attended a non-regionally accredited college or university.

Former Students Applying for Readmission

1. Applicants who previously applied for admission but did not attend are required to submit a new application for admission and provide all required admission records.
2. Students who have not been in attendance for one semester, excluding summer, will be required to complete a readmission application. If the student has been in attendance at another college or university since his/her last enrollment with Calhoun, official transcripts must be requested and forwarded directly to the Admissions Office, Calhoun Community College.

SENIOR CITIZENS ATTENDING UNDER THE SENIOR ADULT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Senior citizens sixty (60) years of age or older may be eligible for a tuition waiver if they qualify for the Senior Adults Scholarship Program. Applicants must meet the following conditions:

1. They must comply with the college admission standards as noted earlier in this catalog under Admission, First-Time Students, Admission of Transfer Students or Former Students

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Applying for Readmission. Please refer to the appropriate section for details of admission requirements.

2. Must be Alabama residents.
3. Must be sixty (60) years of age or older.
4. Students must enroll for credit; non-credit enrollment is not allowed.

The student is responsible for any fees or other charges applied to the general student body. Senior citizens granted a tuition waiver under the Senior Adult Scholarship Program may receive the tuition waiver only one time per course. Any time a senior citizen repeats a course the student is responsible not only for fees but also for tuition.

Questions regarding admission and eligibility should be directed to the staff of the Admissions and Records Office or the Financial Aid Office.

NOTE: Senior citizen course enrollment under the Senior Adult Scholarship Program is restricted to a space available basis. A course will not be expanded beyond the optimal number to accommodate the enrollment of a senior citizen attending under the Senior Adult Scholarship Program.

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Students on academic suspension must file a written appeal directly to the Associate Dean of Enrollment Management/Registrar for submission to the College Admissions Committee. Appeals for admission should be submitted at least thirty days prior to the intended term of enrollment. Decisions of the Admissions Committee are final.

STUDENT RECORDS AND TRANSCRIPTS

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

Calhoun Community College complies with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 as amended. FERPA sets forth the requirements pertaining to the privacy of student records. The law governs the release of educational records and access to the records.

Student Records and FERPA

Students are notified that when a student attains the age of 18 or is attending an institution of postsecondary education, the permission or consent required of and the rights accorded to the parents of the student shall thereafter only be required of and accorded to the student. Therefore, a person other than the student requesting information on a student must submit written authorization from the student if the request is beyond the scope of authorized exceptions to the Act.

Responsibility for protection of the privacy of educational records rests primarily with the Associate Dean of Enrollment Management/Registrar of the college. FERPA defines educational records to include records, files, documents, and other materials that contain information directly related to students and are maintained by an educational agency or institution with exceptions under the Act.

Notification of Rights under FERPA

FERPA affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records. The rights provided to students are:

1. The right to review their educational records with certain exceptions. Students and former students may present a valid photo

identification card and request to review their records. The college may delay a record review up to 45 days if circumstances so dictate. Record reviews are conducted in the Records Office, Chasteen Student Center, Decatur campus. Note: The College is not required to provide access to records of applicants for admission who are denied acceptance or, if accepted, do not attend.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's educational records that the student believes is inaccurate or misleading. The student should submit to the Associate Dean of Enrollment Management and Registrar a written statement which identifies the part of the record they want changed, why it should be changed, and any documentation to support the request. The student will be notified in writing of the decision to amend or not to amend. A student will be notified of a hearing procedure process they may initiate if the result of the student's request is not to amend their record.
3. The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure.

Calhoun Community College considers the following to be directory information and may be released to individuals and/or agencies, institutions, etc. unless the student signs a Do Not Release form.

Directory Information

Name
Address
Telephone listing
Date and place of birth
Major field of study
Dates of attendance
Enrollment status
Class standing
Degrees, honors, and awards received
Most recent educational agency or institution attended

It should be noted that directory information is used to verify a student's enrollment with insurance agencies, banks, employers, etc. unless prohibited in writing by the Do Not Release Information form. Calhoun does not provide mailing lists unless required to do so by federal legislation (Solomon Amendment), a court directive, or as deemed appropriate by the President of the college or his/her agent.

FERPA has established rules that allow some personnel and agencies to have access to student's records without their written consent. The exception to the requirement of written consent follows:

- Authorized representatives of the following for audit and evaluation of federal and/or state supported programs or for enforcement of a compliance with federal legal requirements which relate to these programs:
 - Comptroller General of the United States
 - Attorney General of the United States
 - Secretary of the Department of Education
 - State and local educational authorities
 - State and local officials to whom disclosure is specifically required by state statute adopted prior to November 19, 1974.
 - Veterans Administration officials
 - Other school officials with the institution determined by the institution to have a legitimate educational interest
 - Officials of other institutions at which the student seeks or intends to enroll, provided the institution makes a reasonable attempt to inform the student of the disclosure, unless

the student initiates the transfer or the annual notification of the institution includes a notice that the institution forwards education records to other institutions at which the student seeks or intends to enroll have requested the records. (Students are so notified.)

- Persons or organizations providing financial aid to students or determining financial aid decisions on the condition that the information is necessary to: 1) determine eligibility for aid, 2) determine the amount of aid, 3) determine the conditions for the aid, or 4) enforce the terms and conditions of the aid.
- Organizations conducting studies for or on behalf of education agencies or institutions to develop, validate, and administer predictive tests, to administer student aid programs, or to improve instruction. Conditioned on organizations not to disclose personally identifiable information on students, information must be destroyed when no longer needed for project.
- Accrediting organizations carrying out their accreditation functions.
- Parents of a student who have established a student's status as a dependent according to IRS Code of 1986, Section 152.
- Persons in compliance with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena provided that the institution makes a reasonable attempt to notify the student in advance of compliance. An institution may not provide advance notice of subpoena compliance if the subpoena is issued by a federal grand jury or for law enforcement purposes provided the subpoena orders the institution not to disclose the existence or contents of the subpoena.
- An institution is not required to obtain a subpoena to produce education records of a student if the institution is sued by the student or takes legal action against a student. The records produced must be needed by the institution to proceed with legal action as plaintiff or to defend itself.
- Persons in an emergency if the knowledge of information, in fact, is necessary to protect the health or safety of students or other persons.
- Additional instances may occur where the college is required by law to release information. Contact the Registrar for the answers to specific questions.

In the event a student believes that his/her FERPA rights were not met, they have the right to file a written complaint with The Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

Transcript Policy

The transcript policy of Calhoun Community College includes the following items:

- A. In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Calhoun Community College does not release transcripts of a student's work, except upon the student's request;
- B. Official transcripts are sent to institutions, companies, agencies, etc., upon the student's release;
- C. Transcript requests are processed as they are received. REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE TRANSCRIPTS ARE NEEDED;
- D. Transcripts will not be issued for persons who have financial, academic, or administrative obligations to

the college;

- E. Written transcript requests should be sent to:
Calhoun Community College
Admissions and Records Office, Transcripts
P.O. Box 2216
Decatur, AL 35609-2216

Include name, signature, dates of attendance, social security number and address to which transcript should be forwarded. (NOTE: Students with name changes should include all former names.)

Transcripts can be requested at <https://www.calhoun.edu/forms/Calhountranscript.html>.

- F. A signed fax request containing the same information as noted in item E may be faxed to 256-306-2941.
- G. The Office of Admissions and Records does not release official transcripts from other institutions. Requests for official transcripts from other institutions must be directed to the institution concerned.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS (Decatur Campus)

Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS (Huntsville Campus)
Room 105 890-4726**

Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

TUITION AND FEES

The following information reflects the current tuition and fee schedule enacted by the Alabama State Board of Education.

TUITION

In-State Students	\$ 71.00 per credit hour
Out-of-State	\$142.00 per credit hour
Distance Learning	\$ 95.00 per credit hour*
Distance Learning Out-of-State	\$190.00 per credit hour*

FEES

Technology Fee	\$9.00 per credit hour
Facility Renewal Fee	\$9.00 per credit hour
Special Building Fee	\$5.00 per credit hour
Bond Surety Fee	\$1.00 per credit hour

*No fees apply to Distance Learning classes

Students who register after classes begin will be charged a \$25 late registration fee.

NOTE: Tuition and fees are subject to change without prior notice.

PAYMENTS

Calhoun Community College accepts Mastercard, Visa, and Discover