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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Calhoun Community College is committed to equal opportunity in employment and education. The College does not discriminate in any program or activity on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin, or against qualified disabled persons, and it maintains an affirmative action program for protected minorities and women.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Calhoun Community College has filed with the Federal Government an Assurance of Compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Regulation issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits thereof, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity sponsored by this institution. It is also the policy of Calhoun to be in accordance that "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." The Title IX Coordinator for administrators, faculty, and staff is Ms. Kim Gaines, Office of Human Resources, P.O. Box 2216, Decatur, Alabama 35609-2216; telephone (256) 306-2592. The Title IX Coordinator for students is Dr. Kermit Carter, Dean for Student Affairs, P. O. Box 2216, Decatur, Alabama 35609-2216; telephone (256) 306-2613.

In addition, the College does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its educational programs and activities, pursuant to the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law 93-112, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Public Law 101-336. This policy extends to employment by and admission to the college. The Section 504 Coordinator for administrators, faculty and staff is Ms. Kim Gaines, Office of Human Resources, P.O. Box 2216, Decatur, AL 35609-2216; telephone (256) 306-2592. The Section 504 Coordinator for students is Dr. Kermit Carter, Dean for Student Affairs, P.O. Box 2216, Decatur, AL 35609-2216; telephone (256) 306-2613 or 890-4700. The Dean for Student Affairs is the ADA Coordinator for the College.

Persons or any specific class of individuals who believe they have been subjected to discrimination prohibited by Titles VI, IX, Section 504, ADA, or an Act or Regulation issued thereunder may, alone or with a representative, file with the United States Commissioner of Education or with this institution, or with both, a written complaint.

Calhoun Community College engages in continual study on our effectiveness. Students may be required to participate in tests/surveys or other activities as part of this process.

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Welcome to Calhoun Community College

HISTORY OF CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Calhoun Community College is the result of the consolidation of the Tennessee Valley State Technical School and John C. Calhoun State Technical Junior College. The Tennessee Valley State Technical School was instituted by the Wallace-Patterson Trade School Act of 1947. John C. Calhoun State Technical Junior College was established under the Alabama Trade School Authority Act of 1963. The two schools were merged into a comprehensive institution to become John C. Calhoun State Technical Junior College and Technical School in September 1965. Both the Technical School and the Junior College are under the supervision of the Alabama State Board of Education. The president is directly responsible to the State Board through the Chancellor of the Department of Postsecondary Education. The present designation as a community college was formalized by a State Board of Education resolution of September 23, 1973.

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WELCOME

Message from the President

Calhoun Community College has a strong and well-known reputation for instructional excellence and workforce training. The College has positioned itself to be a benchmark institution leading the way for innovative technology for both faculty and students, and we are proud of the many accomplishments we have realized throughout the 60 years of our existence.

Calhoun's reputation for academic excellence is well known throughout our service area, the state of Alabama and the nation. It is our goal to provide life-changing opportunities for the citizens we serve, and we are pleased that you have made the decision to become a member of the Calhoun family.



MARILYN C. BECK
President

Vision

Calhoun Community College:
Your Community - Your College - Your Future.

Mission

The Mission of Calhoun Community College is to ensure student success and promote community development and cultural enrichment.

Strategies for Accomplishing the Mission

1. Provide quality, innovative instruction
2. Ensure open access
3. Promote lifelong learning
4. Value diversity
5. Secure partnerships for economic development
6. Provide comprehensive student support services
7. Institutionalize assessment, accountability, and improvement
8. Provide a supportive, responsive environment
9. Ensure opportunities for professional development

Values

- Integrity
- Honesty
- Fairness
- Service
- Growth
- Respect
- Accountability
- Excellence
- Diversity
- Teamwork
- Creativity

2009-2010 CALENDAR

Fall Semester

Faculty Duty Days – 87
Instructional Days – 79

Professional Development- Duty Day	T	Aug 18
Registration/Duty Day	W	Aug 19
Registration/Duty Day	TH	Aug 20
Duty Day	F	Aug 21
Classes Begin	M	Aug 24
Holiday – Labor Day	M	Sept 7
Holiday – Veterans' Day	W	Nov 11
State Professional Development/Faculty Duty Day	M – T	Nov 23-24
Faculty Duty Day	W	Nov 25
Holiday – Thanksgiving	TH/F	Nov 26-27
Finals	T-M	Dec 15-21
Grading/Grade Reporting/Duty Day	T	Dec 22

	Faculty Duty Days	Instructional Days
Aug.	10	6
Sept.	21	21
Oct.	22	22
Nov.	18	15
Dec.	16	15
Total	87	79

Spring Semester

Faculty Duty Days – 88
Instructional Days – 81

Holiday	F	Jan 1
Professional Development/Duty Day	T	Jan 5
Registration/Duty Day	W	Jan 6
Registration/Duty Day	TH	Jan 7
Duty Day	F	Jan 8
Classes Begin	M	Jan 11
Holiday - King/Lee	M	Jan 18
Spring Break	M – F	Mar 22-26
Classes Resume	M	Mar 29
Final Exams	W-T	May 5-11
Grading/Duty Day	W	May 12
Grade Reporting/Duty Day	TH	May 13
Graduation/Duty Day	F	May 14

	Faculty Duty Days	Instructional Days
Jan.	18	14
Feb.	20	20
Mar.	18	18
Apr.	22	22
May	10	7
Total	88	81

Summer Semester

Faculty Duty Days – 54
Instructional Days – 50

Duty Day	W	May 26
Duty Day/Registration	TH	May 27
Duty Day	F	May 28
Classes Begin	T	June 1
Holiday/Independence Day	M	July 5
Final Exams	TH-T	Aug 5-10
Grade Reporting/Duty Day	W	Aug 11

	Faculty Duty Days	Instructional Days
May	3	0
June	22	22
July	21	21
Aug.	8	7
Total	54	50

Grand Totals

Faculty Duty Days and Instructional Days

Semester	Faculty Duty Days	Instructional Days
Fall	87	79
Spring	88	81
Total	175	160
Summer	54	50
Grand Total	229	209

The College will be closed the following nine holidays:

Monday	September 7, 2009	Labor Day
Wednesday	November 11, 2009	Veterans' Day
Thursday	November 26, 2009	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	November 27, 2009	Day after Thanksgiving
Thursday	December 24, 2009	Christmas Eve
Friday	December 25, 2009	Christmas Day
Friday	January 1, 2010	New Year's Day
Monday	January 18, 2010	Martin Luther King/Robert E. Lee
Monday	May 31, 2010	Memorial Day
Monday	July 5, 2010	Independence Day

In addition, the College will be closed the following days:

Monday	December 28, 2009
Tuesday	December 29, 2009
Wednesday	December 30, 2009
Thursday	December 31, 2009
Thursday	March 25, 2010
Friday	March 26, 2010

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General Information

COLLEGE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND APPLICANTS WITH DISABILITIES.

Calhoun Community College does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admitting students to, providing access to, or in the operations of its programs, services, or activities, or in its hiring or employment practices.

Questions, concerns, complaints, requests for information, or requests for the provision of reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities should be directed to Calhoun Community College's ADA Compliance Coordinator, whose name, address, e-mail, and phone number are shown below:

Dr. Kermit Carter
Dean for Student Affairs
Chasteen Student Center, Room 205
P.O. Box 2216
Decatur, Alabama 35609-2216
klc@calhoun.edu
Phone: (256) 306-2613
Fax Number: (256) 306-2948
Office Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday

Students who need auxiliary aids for effective communication in participating in the programs and services of Calhoun Community College should make these needs known to the ADA Compliance Coordinator or designee.

This notice is provided pursuant to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. It is also available in larger print, on audio tape, and in braille from the ADA Compliance Coordinator.

SECURITY/POLICE

We take your safety seriously! To ensure the continued health and safety of Calhoun students and employees, we must all consider our own security, as well as the security of others, a priority when on campus. Should a crime occur on campus, Calhoun strongly encourages you to report this crime immediately to the College's Campus Security/Police Department by calling (256) 306-2575. For emergencies only call (256) 306-2911 on the Decatur campus or (256) 890-4711 on the Huntsville campus. The Decatur campus security office is located in the former ACT building, next to Noble Russell. Huntsville Police Department officers are located in the Administrative Office at the Huntsville/Cummings Research Park campus.

Calhoun Community College is proud of its historically safe campus. In an effort to promote awareness and enhance safety, we would like to inform you of our campus crime disclosure report. We hope this information is helpful to you. Should you have any questions or suggestions regarding campus safety, please contact the campus police at 306-2574. If an emergency, call 306-2911.

**Calhoun Community College
Campus Crime Statistical Disclosure Report**

Crime	2006	2007	2008
Murder	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Sex Offenses:			
Forcible	0	1	0
Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assaults	0	3	0
Burglary	0	0	1
Breaking & Entering			
Motor Vehicle	3	2	3
Arrests	0	2	1
Motor Vehicle Thefts	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	1	1
Drug Violations	0	0	1
Weapons Violations	0	1	0
Criminal Mischief	1	1	2
Thefts	6	13	18
Harassment	5	9	8
Leaving Scene of Accident	5	3	3
Public Intoxication	0	1	1
Property Damage	1	3	2
Trespassing	0	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	3
Misc. Calls for Service	1,078	1,156	1,213

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

All students enrolled at Calhoun Community College are required to have in their possession a valid Student I.D. card for general identification purposes and to present it upon demand when requested by a school official. The Student I.D. card is valid for each semester of the student's attendance. Students I.D. cards are issued during the first two weeks of each semester for new and transferring students. Replacement I.D. cards for returning students can be made at a cost of \$20.00. Replacement cost cannot be charged to student accounts and must be paid in cash. The I.D. card can be used for (1) book buying (campus bookstore only), (2) library book checkout, (3) access to learning labs, (4) entrance into college-sponsored activities, (4) check cashing, (5) library privileges at other designated colleges, and (6) student discounts.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

All students driving any type of motor vehicle on campus must secure and properly affix an official college parking decal to the vehicle regardless of the location of classes. Parking decals are available at the switchboard at the Decatur campus or the Security Office at the Huntsville/Research Park campus. For students who have received disability access license plates or disability access placards for Disability Access Parking Privileges under Alabama law and who wish to use College disability access parking spaces, special disability access parking decals are available from the Campus Police/Security Office upon appropriate documentation by the respective student of having received Disability Access Parking Privileges. In the interest of safeguarding designated disability access parking spaces from misuse by persons who are not properly entitled to use those spaces, the use of disability access parking spaces will be only permitted for those cards that display **both** a College disability access decal **and** either a disability access license plate or a disability access placard.

Violations of traffic regulations pertaining to the registration and operation of motor vehicles can result in a monetary fine, the withholding of semester schedules, the withholding of official transcripts, and/or other appropriate disciplinary action. Each college parking decal will expire on the last day of the summer term of the academic year in which it is issued.

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

General Information

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.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

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

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for payment of tuition and fees. Students can pay for classes on the Internet by accessing www.calhoun.edu, logging into Web Advisor, and going to the Students menu and selecting the Make a Payment option under the Financial Information section.

TUITION AND FEES REFUND POLICY

Before Classes Begin100% Refund

During Drop/Add

Drops a class or classes but less than total...100% of net
Drops **ALL** classes during drop/add75% of net

After Drop/Add (Withdrawal Refund Period)

Drops a class or classes but less than total.....No refund
Total withdrawal during first week of classes75% of net
Total withdrawal during second week of classes50% of net
Total withdrawal during third week of classes25% of net
Total withdrawal after third week of classes.....No refund

NET AMOUNT IS TUITION AND FEES LESS 5% ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.

Cash payments will be refunded by check. Check and credit card payments will be refunded in the same manner as the original method of payment. Refund checks will be mailed from the Business Office to the student at the address on file with the Admissions Office. Approximately three weeks are required for processing.

ADDITIONAL FEES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

Additional charges by the institution and not mentioned above include the following:

1. Returned check fee (by Alabama law) \$25*
2. Parking traffic citations (variable, depending on type of citation; check student handbook)
3. Library fines for overdue books (variable, depending on length of overdue status)
4. Audit fees (auditing a course costs the same as taking the course for credit)

*Negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument is a Class A misdemeanor. Pursuant to Alabama law (Act No. 80-200, S. 317), a person will be given 10 days to tender payment of the full amount of such instrument plus a service charge of not more than \$25. Unless this amount is paid in full within the specified time, the individual may assume that this instrument will be turned over to the proper authorities for criminal prosecution.

GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) TEST FEE

Those desiring to take the General Education Test at Calhoun Community College will be required to pay a \$30 fee. Call (256) 306-2648 or 306-2610 for more information.

RESIDENCY/OUT-OF-STATE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Guidelines for determining "In-State" Tuition Rates

I. ELIGIBLE FOR "IN-STATE" TUITION

A student or prospective student described in either part A or part B below may be eligible for "In-State" tuition rates. Non-resident students described in Part B must submit a written appeal with documentation to the Tuition Eligibility Committee to obtain "in-state" tuition rates. The Tuition Eligibility Committee will determine whether or not a student meets the criteria. The Committee's decision is final. All written appeals should be forwarded with documentation directly to the Registrar at Calhoun Community College.

Resident Student

A Resident Student shall be charged the in-state tuition rate established by the State Board of Education.

A Resident Student is an applicant for admission who is a citizen of the United States or a duly registered resident in the State of Alabama for at least 12 months immediately preceding application for admission, or whose non-estranged spouse has resided and had habitation, home, and permanent abode in the State of Alabama for at least 12 months immediately preceding application for admission. **Consequently, an out-of-state student cannot attain Resident Student status simply by attending school for twelve months in the State of Alabama.**

In the case of minor dependents seeking admission, the parents, parent, or legal guardian of such minor dependent must have resided in the State of Alabama for at least 12 months immediately preceding application for admission. If the parents are divorced, residence will be determined by the residency of the parent to whom the court has granted custody.

MINOR: An individual who because of age lacks the capacity to contract under Alabama law. Under current law, this means a single individual under 19 years of age and a married individual under 18 years of age, but excludes an individual whose disabilities of non-age have been removed by a court of competent jurisdiction for a reason other than establishing a legal residence in Alabama. If current law changes, this definition shall change accordingly.

SUPPORTING PERSON: Either or both of the parents of the student, if the parents are living together or if the parents are divorced or living separately, then either the parent having legal custody or, if different, the parent providing the greater amount of financial support. If both parents are deceased or if neither has legal custody, support person shall mean, in the following order: the legal custodian of the student, the guardian, and the conservator.

In determining Resident Student status for the purpose of charging tuition, the burden of proof lies with the applicant for admission.

- A. Students participating in the Southern Regional Electronic Campus (or any successor organization) shall be considered Resident Students for tuition purposes.

- B. An individual claiming to be a resident shall certify by a signed statement each of the following:
1. A specific address or location within the State of Alabama as his or her residence.
 2. An intention to remain at this address indefinitely.
 3. Possession of more substantial connections with the State of Alabama than with any other state.
- C. Though certification of an address and in intent to remain in the state indefinitely shall be prerequisites to establishing status as a resident, ultimate determination of that status shall be made by the institution by evaluating the presence or absence of connections with the State of Alabama. This evaluation shall include the consideration of all of the following connections:
1. Consideration of the location of high school graduation.
 2. Payment of Alabama state income taxes as a resident.
 3. Ownership of a residence or other real property in the state and payment of state ad valorem taxes on the residence or property.
 4. Full-time employment in the state.
 5. Residence in the state of a spouse, parents, or children.
 6. Previous periods of residency in the state continuing for one year or more.
 7. Voter registration and voting in the state; more significantly, continuing voter registration in the state that initially occurred at least one year prior to the initial registration of the student in Alabama at a public institution of higher education.
 8. Possession of state or local licenses to do business or practice a profession in the state.
 9. Ownership of personal property in the state, payment of state taxes on the property, and possession of state license plates.
 10. Continuous physical presence in the state for a purpose other than attending school, except for temporary absences for travel, military service, and temporary employment.
 11. Membership in religious, professional, business, civic, or social organizations in the state.
 12. Maintenance in the state of checking and savings accounts, safe deposit boxes, or investment accounts.
 13. In-state address shown on selective service registration, driver's license, automobile title registration, hunting and fishing licenses, insurance policies, stock and bond registrations, last will and testament, annuities, or retirement plans.

Students determined to be eligible for resident tuition will maintain that eligibility upon re-enrollment within one full academic year of their most previous enrollment unless there is evidence that the student subsequently has abandoned resident status, for example, registering to vote in another state. Students failing to re-enroll within one full academic year must establish eligibility upon re-enrollment.

Non-Resident Student (additional persons for resident tuition)

A Non-Resident Student, one who does not meet the standard of having resided in the State of Alabama for at least 12 months immediately preceding application for admission, shall be charged the in-state tuition rate established by the State Board of Education under the following circumstances provided such student is a citizen of the United States.

The dependent student

- a. whose supporting person is a full-time permanent employee of the institution at which the student is registering; or
- b. whose supporting person can verify full-time permanent employment in Alabama and will commence said employment within 90 days of registration; or
- c. whose supporting person is a member of the United States military on full-time active duty stationed in Alabama under orders for duties other than attending school; or
- d. whose supporting person is an accredited member of a consular staff assigned to duties in Alabama.

The student is not a dependent (as defined by Internal Revenue Codes) who

- a. is a full-time permanent employee of the institution at which the student is registering or is the spouse of such an employee; or
- b. can verify full-time permanent employment within the State of Alabama or is the spouse of such an employee and will commence said employment within 90 days of registration with the institution; or
- c. is a member of or the spouse of a member of the United States military on full-time active duty stationed in Alabama under orders for duties other than attending school; or
- d. is an accredited member of or the spouse of an accredited member of a consular staff assigned to duties in Alabama.

In determining Non-Resident Student status for the purpose of charging tuition, the burden of proof lies with the applicant for admission. The college may request proof that the applicant meets the stipulations noted above prior to admission.

Students who reside in Bedford, Franklin, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Lawrence, Lincoln, Wayne, or Giles counties in Tennessee will be accessed tuition at the "in-state" rate upon submission of documentation verifying residency.

II. OUT OF STATE STUDENT

Any applicant for admission who does not fall into one of the categories noted above shall be charged a minimum tuition of two times the resident tuition rate charged by that institution. All international students are accessed at the out-of-state rate and are not eligible for in-state rates.

Students initially classified as ineligible for resident tuition will retain that classification for tuition purposes until they provide documentation that they have qualified for resident tuition.

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FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available at Calhoun Community College in a variety of forms. Students needing assistance with college expenses should communicate with personnel in the Office of Student Financial Services at the following address:

Office of Student Financial Services
Calhoun Community College
P.O. Box 2216
Decatur, AL 35609-2216

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS AVAILABLE at Calhoun Community College include the following:

1. Alabama Student Assistance Grants (ASAG)
2. Federal Work-Study (FWS)
3. Pell Grants
4. Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)
5. Stafford Loan (SL)
6. Dorothy B. Johnson Loan Fund
7. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)
8. Veterans', Servicemembers', and their Dependents' Benefits
9. Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
10. Scholarships
 - a. Academic
 - b. Calhoun Foundation
 - c. Performing Arts
 - d. Senior Adult Program
 - e. Student Activity and Leadership
 - f. Scholarships for Disadvantaged Nursing Students (SDS)

WHO MAY APPLY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS?

Federal Student Financial Aid Programs are Pell Grants, Stafford Loan (SL), Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), Federal Work-Study (FWS), Alabama Student Assistance Grants (ASAG), and Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

To qualify for financial aid from one of these five programs, one must:

- demonstrate financial need, except for some loan programs;
- have a high school diploma or a GED certificate, or pass an independently administered test approved by the U. S. Department of Education;
- be enrolled as a regular, degree seeking student working toward a AA, AS, AAS or certificate in an eligible program;
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- maintain satisfactory academic progress according to the institutional policy;
- not be in default on a Direct Stafford Loan or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL); and
- not owe a repayment on any federal financial aid program.

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THE ABOVE REGULATIONS.

TRANSIENT STUDENTS

Students from other colleges and universities enrolling only for a few courses and/or during the summer are not eligible to receive Title IV funds.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Expenses for tuition, books, supplies, at-home maintenance, transportation, and miscellaneous personal costs are used in preparing an annual budget to help determine the applicant's financial need. Therefore, those who qualify must apply for financial aid each year.

Students who qualify may apply for financial aid at any time. However, processing time is generally four to six weeks; therefore, begin the application process as early as possible. All financial aid application forms and instructions are available in the Office of Student Financial Services as well as the capability to process electronically via www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Priority in making awards for FSEOG and Federal Work-Study shall be given to students completing the application process prior to April 1 each year. Awards for applications submitted after the deadline will be based on availability of funds.

Dependent/Independent Policy

The Federal Government has identified for student financial assistance programs certain categories of students who must be considered independent financial aid applicants. As a result, a student is considered an independent financial aid applicant if he or she meets one of the following criteria.

- Student was born before January 1, 1985
- Student is a veteran or ward of the court or was a ward of the court until age of 18.
- Student has a child who receives more than half support from student.
- Student has a dependent (other than child or spouse) that lives with and will receive more than half support from student through June 30, of the academic year.
- Student is a married student.
- Student is a graduate or professional student.

An independent financial aid applicant is not required to submit parental information in the application process. However, if the independent applicant is married, spousal information must be reported. A student who cannot meet at least one of the above criteria is considered a dependent applicant and must provide parental information in the application process.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Review and consider all information about Calhoun's programs before you enroll.
- Pay special attention to your application for student financial aid, complete it accurately and submit it on time to the right place. Errors can delay receiving your financial aid. Intentional misreporting of information on application forms for Federal financial aid is a violation of the law and is considered a criminal offense subject to penalties under the U.S. Criminal Code.
- Provide all additional documentation, verification, corrections and/or new information requested by either the Office of Student Financial Services or the processing center where you submitted your application.
- Read and understand all forms that you are asked to sign, and keep copies of them.
- Accept responsibility for all agreements you sign.
- Perform, in a satisfactory manner, the work that is agreed upon in a Federal Work-Study job.
- Know and comply with the deadlines for application or reapplication for aid.

- Understand the school's refund policy.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress for continued financial aid eligibility.
- Notify the Office of Student Financial Services if you are planning to attend another institution.
- Pay any tuition, fees or other expenses not paid by financial aid or scholarships by the deadlines.

REFUND POLICY

The Student Financial Aid (SFA) refund requirements only apply when the student fails to register for the period of enrollment for which he or she was charged. A refund is defined as the difference between the amount paid towards institutional charges (including financial aid and/or cash paid) and the amount the school can retain under the institutional refund policy.

The institution must calculate a refund using all possible refund policies in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

REPAYMENT POLICIES

Recalculation Policy

A change in a student's original enrollment status may result in a recalculation of Title IV benefits. Payment will be based on the student's enrollment status on the first day of the semester. For students who totally withdraw, the institution will use the appropriate refund policy.

FWS funds are **not** considered in the refund process.

Repayment Policy

The SFA repayment requirement **does not** apply to a student who withdraws from some classes, but continues to be enrolled in other classes.

A **repayment** is the unearned amount of direct disbursement to a student, which the student must pay back. If the institution determines that the student received Title IV funds in excess of the cost to attend school that he or she could have reasonably incurred while still enrolled, then a portion of the Title IV funds was not earned and must be repaid by the student to the SFA programs.

Federal Work Study (FWS) and Student Loan (SL) funds are **excluded** in the repayment policy.

Cash, money order, and cashiers check are the only methods of payment accepted for repayments.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

Federal regulations require Calhoun Community College (CCC) to establish Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress for student financial aid recipients. These regulations require that your entire CCC record be reviewed for satisfactory academic progress, including terms for which you did or did not receive financial aid.

CCC Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress measure a student's performance in the following three areas: completion rate, cumulative grade point average (GPA), and maximum time frame. The Office of Student Financial Services is responsible for ensuring that all students who receive federal and state aid are meeting these

standards. The Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress apply for all Title IV financial assistance programs including Federal Pell Grant, Federal Work-Study (FWS), Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Family Education Loans (Stafford and PLUS), as well as assistance from the state.

In addition, students who completely withdraw are subject to the CCC Return of Title IV Funds Policy. This federal policy requires Title IV financial aid recipients who completely withdraw from classes prior to completing 60% of any given term to repay a portion of any grants and loans received to the Title IV financial aid programs.

Completion Rate

Each semester, a student's academic progress will be reviewed by comparing the number of attempted credit hours with the credit hours earned. This includes any course for which the student has remained enrolled past the Drop/Add period. The academic records of all students are reviewed based on: (1) the number of semester credit hours attempted and percentage of credit hours completed; (2) cumulative grade point average (GPA); and (3) maximum time frame allowed for completing the degree requirements.

The following are considered when evaluating a student's satisfactory academic progress:

- Withdrawals (W, WP and WF), incompletes (I and IP) and failures (F) are considered attempted but not earned hours.
- Repeated courses and courses for which the student has been granted academic bankruptcy are included in the calculation of both attempted and earned hours. A student is allowed to repeat a course only twice.
- Audited courses are not considered credits attempted or earned. Students can not use Title IV funds to pay for audited courses.
- Transfer credits do not count in the calculation of the GPA, but they are included in the calculation of both attempted and earned hours.

Financial aid recipients must maintain the following cumulative GPA's in order to meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements:

Measure of Progress Hours Attempted	% of Hours to be completed	Cumulative GPA
12 – 21	58%	1.50
22 – 32	62%	1.75
33 – 66	66%	2.00
67 and above	75%	2.00

Maximum Time Frame

A student's eligibility for financial aid will be terminated at the point where 96 credit hours have been attempted for an associate degree, and when 150 percent of the total hours required, as stated in the College catalog, have been attempted for a certificate. All attempted hours are counted, including transfer hours, whether or not financial aid was received or the course was successfully completed. A maximum of 20 semester credit hours of remedial courses will be excluded from the 96 semester credit hour determination. Title IV funds will only pay for 20 credit hours of remedial courses.

Academic Progress Evaluation

A financial aid recipient's satisfactory academic progress is evaluated each semester. At that time, a student will either be in good standing, be placed on financial aid probation, or denied financial assistance for

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future enrollment periods. The student must meet all three progress requirements (completion rate, GPA, and be within the maximum time frame) to remain in good standing. Students will be notified by the Student Financial Services Office if they are placed on denial status for financial aid.

Probation

Students not meeting the SAP requirements will be placed on financial aid probation. Probation status will not prevent the student from receiving financial aid. The probationary period is meant to inform the student of potential academic problems and provide time for corrective action. Students will be placed on financial aid probation for failing to meet satisfactory academic progress requirements. Students not meeting the requirements below during the probationary period will be denied financial aid. Denial status will prevent the student from receiving any Title IV and/or state financial assistance for future enrollment until such time as the student meets all satisfactory academic progress standards.

Students on financial aid probation must earn grades of 'C' or better in each class, with no withdrawals (grades of W, WP, WF, I and IP calculate as hours attempted in Financial Aid SAP Policy).

Appeal and Reinstatement

Students may appeal their denial status by submitting an Appeal Form to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee. Appeal Forms may be picked up in the Student Financial Services Office or on the CCC web site.

To appeal the financial aid denial, a student must, within 15 calendar days of notification, submit to the Student Financial Services office a signed Appeal Form explaining why he or she should not be suspended. A student may appeal due to mitigating circumstances (medical problems, illness, or death in the family, or employment changes). Documentation verifying the situation may be requested. The Financial Aid Appeals Committee will consider the appeal and render a decision, which the Director of Student Financial Services will convey in writing to the student.

Decisions made by the Financial Aid Committee are final.

INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

1. **ALABAMA STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANT**
The Alabama State Grant Program provides additional assistance to undergraduates who demonstrate exceptional financial need. Students who receive Pell Grants with the lowest family contribution figure (FC) are eligible. The Alabama State Grant is not a loan; therefore, the funds do not have to be paid back.
2. **FEDERAL WORK-STUDY**
The College Work-Study Program provides employment for Calhoun students who need financial assistance. Students work part-time for the college while attending classes.
3. **DOROTHY B. JOHNSON LOAN FUND**
This fund is available to students with an immediate cash flow problem and may be used to cover the cost of tuition and books. It may be repaid from grant or individual accounts within the semester borrowed.

4. **PELL GRANT**
The Pell Grant Program provides financial assistance for students who qualify for funds in order to attend a postsecondary educational institution. The grant may not exceed an amount equal to 50% of the student's educational and related expenses. A Pell Grant is not a loan; therefore, the funds do not have to be paid back.

5. **ACADEMIC COMPETITIVENESS GRANT (ACG)**
The Academic Competitiveness Grant is for undergraduates receiving Pell Grants who are U.S. citizens enrolled full-time in their first or second academic year of study. For first or second academic year students who have completed a rigorous secondary school program of study. Grant does not have to be repaid.

6. **FEDERAL PLUS LOAN PROGRAM**
The Federal PLUS Loan Program provides loans to parents of eligible dependent students who need additional financial assistance in meeting postsecondary educational expenses. Eligibility is not based on income. This program is intended to supplement the Federal Stafford Loan Program.

A parent may receive an amount not to exceed the student's estimated cost of attendance minus any financial aid the student has been or will be awarded during the period of enrollment. There are no aggregate limits.

Interest Rates: Federal PLUS Loans have an interest rate of 8.5 percent for which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2007.

7. **STAFFORD LOAN**
The Stafford Loan (SL) program is a loan program where a student may borrow funds to cover his/her educational expenses. Students may borrow either a subsidized or unsubsidized loan.

A **subsidized** loan is awarded on the basis of financial need. You will not be charged any interest before you begin repayment or during authorized periods of deferment. The federal government "subsidizes" the interest during these periods.

An **unsubsidized** loan is not awarded on the basis of need. You'll be charged interest from the time the loan is disbursed until it is paid in full. If you allow the interest to accumulate, it will be capitalized; that is, the interest will be added to the principal amount of your loan and additional interest will be based upon the higher amount. This will increase the amount you have to repay. If you choose to pay the interest as it accumulates, you'll repay less in the long run.

- a. If you are a first-time borrower, your first payment will not be disbursed until 30 days after the first day of classes.
- b. Loan Entrancing Counseling is mandatory for all first-time borrowers.

- c. Students placed on financial aid probation are not eligible for the student loan program(s).
8. **FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT**
The FSEOG Program provides additional assistance to undergraduates who demonstrate exceptional financial need. Students who receive Pell Grants are eligible. The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant is not a loan; therefore, the funds do not have to be repaid.
9. **VETERANS, SERVICEMEMBERS, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS' BENEFITS**
The Veterans Affairs Office is located in Room 101R at the Huntsville/Research Park Campus. Qualified students may also submit paperwork through the Financial Aid Office in the Chasteen Student Center on the Calhoun campus. Appointments for Decatur area students may be arranged at the main campus if the veteran has questions and concerns or may call (256) 306-2500 or 890-4718. The VA Office is the certifying authority for veterans, active duty service members, reservists and National Guard, and dependents that qualify for the federal program. The VA Office serves as the link between the Regional Veterans Affairs Office and the VA benefit recipient who is enrolled at Calhoun Community College.

Calhoun Community College does **not** participate in the VA Advanced Pay Program. Veteran students (except Chapter 31- Rehabilitation and Employment) are required to pay all tuition and fees. After certification has been sent to the Regional Office, the education benefits will be sent directly to the veteran.

Office Hours

Huntsville/Research
Park Campus

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Decatur Campus
Financial Aid

Monday through Thursday
7:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday
7:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

FAX (256) 306-2948

To apply for the **Alabama G.I. Dependents' Scholarship Program**, please follow the procedure listed below:

- (1) Apply for certificate at your local county Veterans Affairs Office.
- (2) When student receives certificate from the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs in Montgomery, Alabama, contact Debbie Ott, Business Office, Calhoun Community College at (256) 306-2541 or 890-4700 or 1-800-626-3628.

Courses under Course Number 100 will not be approved for students under this program. Benefits include tuition, technology fee and books only. Facility

fees must be paid by the student each semester.

10. **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)** is a federally funded program to provide training assistance to dislocated individuals. Students may qualify for tuition assistance, book allowances and tool assistance. Interested dislocated workers should apply at their local Alabama State Employment Service.
11. **SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS-IN-AID**
 - a. **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**
March 1st is the date on which applications for academic scholarships are due. Scholarship applications are available online at Calhoun's website at www.calhoun.edu. Each application is reviewed by the Calhoun Scholarship Committee, and each award is based upon academic achievement.
 - b. **CALHOUN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**
The Calhoun Community College Foundation provides tuition scholarships based upon a variety of qualifying criteria. Recipients must have at least a "B" average for high school grades and/or maintain the average for courses taken at Calhoun. Scholarships are renewable for four semesters unless otherwise specified in the scholarship guidelines.
 - c. **FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS**
Fine Arts Scholarships are available for students in art, graphic design, photography, voice, instruments, drama, and music industry. Additional information is available from a faculty member in the Fine Arts Department.
 - d. **SENIOR ADULT PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS**
This program provides tuition free admission for those who are 60 years of age and older. Students must enroll for credit courses and meet college and program of study admission standards. The award is based upon space availability in each course. Fees and other costs, other than tuition, are paid by the senior adult student.
 - e. **STUDENT ACTIVITY AND LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS**

These scholarships are received by:

1. President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer of the Student Government Association;
2. Editor and assistant editor or photographer of the college literary magazine, *The Muse*;
3. Members of the College's official student ambassadors, the Warkhawks; and
4. President of Phi Theta Kappa.

If a student leaves the position for which the scholarship was awarded, the scholarship may be passed to a successor. In addition, the student leaving the leadership position will reimburse the college a prorated amount of the tuition scholarship based upon the amount of time remaining in the college term.

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- f. Scholarships for Disadvantaged Nursing Students are awarded through a grant funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These scholarships are awarded to full-time, financially needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program. For purposes of SDS eligibility, full-time status is based on a combination of traditional contact hours and clinical hours in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Disadvantaged backgrounds as defined by HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) include: (a) comes from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skill, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from a school (environmentally disadvantaged); or (b) comes from a family with an annual income below a level which is based on low-income thresholds according to family size published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index, and adjusted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) for adaptation to this program (economically disadvantaged).

For more information, contact Angela Watkins at 256-306-2802.

PLEASE NOTE: LPN students do not qualify for SDS Scholarships.

Additional financial aid information can be obtained from the Office of Student Financial Services.

BOOKSTORE

The College Bookstore is an auxiliary service owned and operated by Follett. 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.-6:00 p.m.

Friday

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

Special Hours

First week of class, special hours will be posted. Hours may vary when classes are not in session.

HUNTSVILLE/RESEARCH PARK

Monday-Thursday

9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(Bookstore hours are subject to change without notice.)

Hours may vary when classes are not in session.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Payment may be made by either cash, personal check or credit card. The following policy governs payment by check:

1. Checks are accepted for the amount of purchase only.
2. Checks must be made payable to the Calhoun College Bookstore.
3. Phone number, student number or driver's license number and address must be recorded on face of check.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds will be granted up to seven (7) days after the first day of class with receipt. After the first week of classes, customers will have two days with receipt. There will be no refunds during the week of finals.

BOOK BUY BACK POLICY

Textbooks may be sold to the Bookstore any day that the bookstore is open. General buyback policy is as follows:

1. You must present a photo ID.
2. All titles will be considered for buyback regardless of where you purchased them. Price will be determined by market demand and may be purchased for as much as 50% of original purchase price.
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 building #6 across from the Machine Tool building on the Decatur campus.

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 and state laws
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) 306-2575, Decatur
(256) 890-4741, Huntsville
Emergency: (256) Phone: 306-2911

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
Half Time	6-8

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 for fall and spring will be the first three days of each semester and the first two days of each summer semester. 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) after drop/add period through the last class day of the term.

A withdrawal may also be initiated by a faculty member when a student exceeds the college/class attendance policy. The grade of W for withdrawal will be assigned for the course.

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)**

- S - Successful**
- U - Unsuccessful**

- AU - Audit**
- I - Incomplete**
- IP - In Progress**
- W - Withdrawal**

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 is the letter grade assigned when a student withdraws from a course/courses after the official drop/add period through the last class day of a term. 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. An IP may be used only once for a class.

S – successful, for developmental, co-op, practicums, and training for Business and Industry.

U – Unsuccessful, for developmental, co-op, practicums, and training for Business and Industry.

Grade Points

A student's academic standing or Grade Point Average (GPA) is a

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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
S	0	grade points per hour
U	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 used for graduation in order to be eligible for graduation from Calhoun. (Developmental courses will not apply to the graduation audit).

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 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 have 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 Dean of the Division 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 Dean of the Division 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 Dean of the Division. 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 Dean of the Division, 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 requested 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 Dean of the Division. 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 the committee should not hear the appeal, the Chairperson shall so advise the Vice President for 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 Vice President 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 Vice President of Instruction and Student Services or designee at the Vice President's discretion to discuss actions, deliberations, and recommendations.
5. The Vice President 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 member involved. The decision of the Vice President 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 follows:

- 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, limit on total number of courses for financial aid eligibility, 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 for coursework attempted with Calhoun:
 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 completed 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 completed 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.

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- 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 Vice President 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.

ADVANCED STANDING CREDIT

Credit by Transfer

Refer to General Principles for Transfer of Credit on page 19.

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

Scores for computer based tests only.

Examination	Approx. Score	CCC Equivalent	Sem. Hrs.
Business			
Financial Accounting.....50		BUS 241	3
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 Comp without Essay .50		ENG 101	3
English Comp with Essay50		ENG 101-102	6
English Literature	50	ENG 261-262	6
Science and Mathematics			
Biology.....50		BIO 103-104	4-8
Calculus.....50		MTH 125.....	4
Chemistry.....50		CHM 111-112	8
Precalculus.....50		MTH 112.....	3
College Algebra	50	MTH 100.....	3
Social Sciences			
American Government.....50		POL 211.....	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
History of US to 1877.....50		HIS 201	3
History of US II 1865-present...50		HIS 202	3
Western Civ I.....50		HIS 101	3
Western Civ II.....50		HIS 102	3
Foreign Language			

Foreign Language

Credit for CLEP French, German, and Spanish allowed. Check with Admissions for specific test and scores.

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 or 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

Fifteen 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 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.

STATEWIDE CAREER/TECHNICAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Effective January 2006, students who have completed technical coursework in high school and enroll in the same program with Calhoun Community College may be eligible for advanced credit. Programs that are involved include: Industrial Maintenance, Machine Tool Technology, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Electrical Technology, and Design Drafting Technology.

To qualify for possible credit, a student must:

1. have earned a "B" or higher in courses to be articulated,
2. must be admitted to Calhoun,
3. credit allowed only for courses in their program of study,

and

4. no more than 16 months may have elapsed since high school graduation.

For specific information on programs, what credit may be awarded, and any other limitations, please contact the Division of Technologies and Workforce Development, faculty in specific programs, or the Office of Admissions and Records.

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. 22-32 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 circum-

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stances in support of his/her request for readmission. The decision of the Admissions Committee for an appeal is final.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

FOR CLASSES OTHER THAN DISTANCE EDUCATION/HYBRID CLASSES:

Attendance is taken for each class meeting. Absences are counted beginning with the first class meeting after the student registers; however, students are responsible for all coursework and assignments made or due from the first day of class. In general, students should have no more than 4 absences for a 15-week term, no more than 3 absences for a 10-week term, no more than 2 absences for an 8-week term, and no more than 1 absence for a 5-week term. Each course syllabus will clearly state the number of absences considered as the acceptable maximum for the class as well as how late arrivals and early departures will be handled. Each course syllabus will also state policies regarding make-up work, if allowed. The policies stated in the course syllabus for a student's specific class will be the policies for which the student will be held accountable. Communication with the instructor concerning absences is essential. If a student has excessive absences, s/he is encouraged to withdraw from the course after consulting with the instructor. Instructors will not withdraw students for any reason. **If a student fails to officially withdraw from a course, this could result in a grade of F and adversely impact financial aid.** Withdrawing from a course is the responsibility of the student. Therefore, a grade of F will not be changed without written approval from the Vice President of Instruction and Student Services. Military personnel who are involuntarily called to active duty for unscheduled and/or emergency situations and those individuals called for jury duty will be excused with official documentation. College related events which the student is required to attend by the club sponsor and which have been approved by the appropriate Dean, will also be excused. Official documentation will be required. Make-up work will be accepted under these excused circumstances as outlined in the individual course syllabus.

FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION/HYBRID CLASSES:

Attendance in a Distance Education or Hybrid course will be recorded within the **FIRST WEEK** of the course by one or more of the following:

- Student contact with the instructor through attendance at an on-site orientation session;
- Student participation in an online orientation session that is tracked through Blackboard's "Student Tracking" feature, or through "Tegrity Reports", or similar features in other course management systems;
- Student sending an e-mail to the instructor's Calhoun address or through Blackboard e-mail;
- Student making phone call to the instructor's Calhoun office or an in-person visit to the instructor; and/or
- Student submission (online or in-person) of completed assessments, assignments, essays, or other course related work

After the first week, the student's "attendance record" will be based on the student's meeting course requirements such as submitting assignments or communicating with the instructor as outlined in the course syllabus. It is expected that a student will receive a weekly attendance record based on requirements stated in the course syllabus. If a student does not meet attendance requirements as stated in the course syllabus, the student is encouraged to officially withdraw from the course. **Failure to officially withdraw from the course could result in a grade of F and adversely impact financial aid.**

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." 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, 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.

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

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.

VISITING STUDENT PROGRAM

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 ensure 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. Degree applicable courses are calculated into a grade point average and can affect the graduation GPA.
4. Complete at least 25% of the total semester hours at Calhoun Community College.
5. Be enrolled during the semester the degree is earned; or with the approval of the Vice President for Instruction and Student Services 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.

A cooperative arrangement exists with Alabama A & M University, Athens State University, Oakwood University, 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.

NOTE: Enrollment in courses is subject to appropriate prerequisite and/or placement testing.

LIBRARY SERVICES

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

Mission: We put information in the hands of users.

Brewer Library, Decatur Campus

The Albert P. Brewer Library is located on the Decatur Campus. Books, eBooks, magazines and journals, newspapers, books-on-tape, books-on-CD, literary periodicals in microform, and Reserve materials are included in the holdings.

Computer workstations provide access to print materials as well as full text NetLibrary electronic books (eBooks) through the Library Catalog found on the Brewer Library/LRC Web site at <http://lib.calhoun.edu/lib/>.

Calhoun students (including Dual Enrollment) and faculty have online access to a group of licensed, online databases offered through the Alabama Virtual Library. Thousands of magazines, journals, newspapers, and trade publications offer full-text articles. All licensed, online databases are accessible on campus from networked computers and all are accessible remotely via authentication of a Username and Password.

Workstations offer access to Microsoft Office 2007 application soft-

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 (developmental courses not included) considered for degree requirements. Also, the degree being conferred must require 32 or more semester hours. NOTE: Please remember, transfer coursework is not calculated into a student's grade point average, except for graduation and honor's consideration.

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ware (Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint). In addition, students can access Web Advisor and portals for distance education classes using Library workstations.

Reciprocal borrowing privileges are in place for Calhoun students and faculty 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 cooperating libraries require valid identification that the student is registered at Calhoun for the current semester. Community patrons are also invited and encouraged to register for a Calhoun Library Card. A driver's license and social security number are required for registration as a Community Borrower at both the Library and LRC.

Personal assistance in conducting library research and traditional reference services are offered. Library instruction for English 101 classes can be scheduled by communicating with the Reference Librarian (x2777).

The Library Instruction Room is equipped with 23 workstations for hands-on use and may be scheduled by instructors and other groups by calling the circulation staff at x2774.

Library orientation is provided through handouts, guides, flyers, posters, 2CTV, and 4CTV. Handouts and guides are available online through the Library/LRC Web site. Online tutorials for searching selected databases are also accessible through the Library/LRC Web site.

TILT (The Information Literacy Tutorial) is available to ORI 101 students and teaches the basics of information literacy.

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

Learning Resources Center, Huntsville Campus

The Learning Resources Center (LRC) is located on the Research Park Campus. Online access to LRC and Brewer Library materials is accessible through the Brewer Library/LRC Web site, <http://lib.calhoun.edu/lib/>.

Computer workstations offer access to licensed, online databases through the Alabama Virtual Library. These licensed databases with full-text articles are accessible to Calhoun students and faculty from networked computers on the Huntsville campus and remotely via a Username and Password.

In addition, LRC computer workstations offer access to the print and eBook collections through the Library Catalog accessible on the Web site. More than 46,000 NetLibrary eBooks offer full text books to all students, faculty, and community patrons who create a free account using a Calhoun networked computer.

Microsoft Office 2007 as well as Web Advisor and portals for distance education classes can also be accessed from LRC workstations.

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

A Virtual Reference Desk accessible from the Library/LRC Web site offers Web based dictionaries, handbooks, encyclopedias,

and directories.

Librarians offer personal assistance in conducting library research. Inquire at the Information Desk in person, or ask via email at reference@calhoun.edu.

LRC orientation is provided through handouts (print), guides, flyers, posters, and 2CTV. These same guides, as well as tutorials, can be found on the Library/LRC Web site.

TILT (The Information Literacy Tutorial) is accessible to ORI 101 students and teaches the basics of information literacy—how to select, access, evaluate and use information resources available through the LRC and Brewer Library.

LRC librarians offer hands-on library instruction for English 101 classes upon request by the instructor. Please call x4771 (day) or 4777 (evening).

The LRC Multimedia Room (MMR) offers 31 student workstations, a large screen, LCD and Internet access and can be scheduled by instructors for classes or groups by calling x4771.

For more LRC information, including hours, please access the Brewer Library/LRC Web site 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 open by appointment. Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Waymon E. Burke, Project Director.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

ADULT EDUCATION (AE)

This program offers adults who are 16 years of age and older the opportunity to prepare for the GED, WorkKeys, High School Exit Exam, ASVAB or simply improve their academic skills. Persons who speak other languages also have the opportunity to learn to speak English as a second language through our ESL program. All of these services are provided free of charge.

Distance Learning is offered for Adult Education students who qualify and have the proper computer equipment.

Each participant begins by taking a diagnostic exam to determine qualifications and his/her individual need. Instruction is on an individualized basis. Based upon the results of the diagnostic exam, the student and instructor design a program to help reach the student's goal.

Persons who complete the WorkKeys Assessment tests and make a minimum score of 3 in Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information and Locating for Information will receive a Career Readiness Certificate from the State of Alabama. These certificates will be awarded according to the score achieved. A score of 3 will earn bronze, 4 a silver or 5 a gold certificate.

Contact the Adult Education Office at 256-306-2830 in Decatur or 256-890-4729 in Huntsville to make an appointment for the diagnostic test.

General Education Development Testing Service

Calhoun Community College's General Education Development (GED) Testing Service is a program of the American Council on Education. Our primary mission is to provide a reliable process for certifying that adults possess the major and lasting outcomes of a traditional high school education. Calhoun Community College accepts the GED diploma as a component for admission.

- Pre-registration is mandatory.
- Candidates must be eighteen (18) years of age; exceptions for 16 and 17 year olds with proper documentation.
- Test fees are applicable.
- Special accommodations are available upon approval.

The GED tests are administered at the Decatur and Huntsville campuses.

The GED Testing Center is located in the Business Center auditorium (Decatur campus). For more information call (256) 306-2610 for Decatur test and (256) 713-4801 for Huntsville.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

The Community Education Program at Calhoun Community College offers something for everyone! Whether you're looking for a new hobby, or want to start your own business, we have a class for you. Classes are designed to provide you with the skills you need to pursue your goals. We offer classes for adults as well as teens and children during convenient times to meet your schedule. Sign up today and join the fun! We look forward to seeing you in our community

education program.

For a complete listing of courses available and registration, visit our website at <http://www.calhoun.edu/bis/communityed>

ONLINE COURSES

Online Courses through Ed2Go

Calhoun Community College in partnership with Education 2 Go offers more than 250 highly interactive courses that you can take entirely over the Internet. All of our courses include expert instructors, many of whom are nationally known authors. Most courses start as low as \$89.00. Our online courses are affordable, fun, fast, convenient, and geared just for you. Courses are offered in:

- **Computers and Technology**
- **Writing and Language**
- **Business and Careers**
- **Grant Writing and Nonprofit Management**
- **Personal Enrichment**
- **Professional Development**

All courses run for six weeks, with a two-week grace period at the end. Two lessons are released every Wednesday and Friday by noon Eastern time for the six-week duration of the course. You do not have to be present when lessons are released. You will have access to all lessons until the course ends. New sections start monthly!

For a complete listing of courses available and registration, visit our website at <http://www.ed2go.com/calhouncalvus/>.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Calhoun Community College's Cooperative Education Program affords students the opportunity to acquire on the job experience before graduation by combining studies at Calhoun with a related work experience in business/industry. The program offers two work plans, the Parallel Plan and the Alternating Plan. The Parallel Plan allows the student to work on a part-time basis (a minimum of 20 hours per week) in a job directly related to his/her academic major while attending school on a full-time basis. Under the Alternating Plan, students alternate semesters of study at Calhoun with semesters of full-time work in business/industry. Cooperative education is also available to students already working in a job that is related to their major.

Requirements

Participation in the Cooperative Education Program is open to students who maintain an overall 2.5 grade point average.

Application Procedures

Students who wish to be considered for the Cooperative Education Program should complete the following steps:

1. Submit an "Application for Cooperative Program" form, which may be obtained from the Cooperative Education Office;
2. Provide a Calhoun Community College transcript and current class schedule;
3. Be recommended in writing by an instructor in his/her major;
4. Contact the Cooperative Education office at 256-306-2938 for more information.

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TECH PREP

Tech Prep is a program of study designed to prepare students for today's technologically demanding workplace. Tech Prep helps students identify career pathways that lead to an associate or baccalaureate degree or a post-secondary certificate in a specific career field. Calhoun Tech Prep works with area high schools to improve technical and academic preparation of students and provide a transition plan for those students seeking to enter a two-year college program in a technical field of study.

Calhoun Community College is a member of the "Advanced Technologies" Tech Prep consortium with Athens City Schools, Decatur City Schools, Hartselle City Schools, Limestone County Schools, Madison City Schools and Morgan County schools.

Articulation agreements, which award college credit for identified high school coursework completed under the Tech Prep program, have been established in the areas of technology, business, computer information systems, graphic arts, child development and medical terminology. The articulated high school courses contain the same course content as an equivalent college course and Calhoun has agreed to award college credit to those students who meet the requirements outlined in the course articulation agreement. In order to receive articulated credit, a student must be admitted to Calhoun and must request articulated credit no later than 16 months following high school graduation.

The Tech Prep program also works with middle and high schools in the consortium to conduct numerous programs that promote Career/Technical Education including CHOICES, the annual Career & Workforce Expo and the High Tech Symposium series.

For more information on the Tech Prep program call 256/306-2665.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

Distance Education is the use of technology to provide instruction to students who desire to learn outside the regular classroom; it is a way of taking college credit courses in your home or community. Distance Education courses combine academic quality, rigorous challenge, and **convenience**. Calhoun offers a variety of courses for the distance learner. Distance Education at Calhoun includes multiple instructional technologies: telecourses in cassette, CD or DVD and on Calhoun television station (4CTV), Alabama Public Television, or internet. Students register for the course, obtain course information and receive instruction by one of the aforementioned technologies. Internet courses require that students access the World Wide Web from their home or work. Students needing more information about Distance Education should call (256) 306-2846.

WEEKEND COLLEGE

Weekend College is available at the Huntsville/Research Park location during Fall and Spring semesters. Classes meet on Saturdays. For more information regarding Weekend classes in Huntsville, call (256) 890-4701. The semester schedule includes all weekend course offerings.

STATEWIDE TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION REPORTING SYSTEM (STARS)

In order to assist Calhoun Community College students with the transferring of courses to other institutions of higher education in the state, Calhoun is a full member in the Statewide Transfer and Articulation Reporting System (STARS).

The STARS computerized advising system has been created to inform students of the courses that they can take and transfer among public institutions within the State of Alabama without losing credit. Go to the STARS website at <http://stars.troy.edu>.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY SERVICES

Our mission is to provide accessible, quality educational opportunities, promote community and economic development, and enhance the quality of life for those we serve. To achieve this mission, we partner with companies to support and extend their training capabilities to meet increasingly complex job skill needs.

Our services are unique because they are low in cost, convenient, flexible and can be customized to meet the unique needs of business and industry.

A number of job-related services are provided, including ACT WorkKeys Job Profiling to determine the basic skills needed for specific jobs; individual assessments to determine the level of skills one can bring to a job; instructional programs that can be targeted to the specific skill development needs of individuals; and customized training to meet the specific needs of companies and organizations. The ACT Center provides workkeys assessments for businesses in the college service area by appointment. For more information, contact the ACT Center at (256) 306-2522.

Professional Development Training is available in several subjects such as ISO 9001:2000, basic statistics for quality engineering, leadership training, lean manufacturing, as well as personal development, computer usage, safety, technology, and business development courses.

Industrial Maintenance Training is offered in the following areas: millwright maintenance mechanic, electronics, instrumentation technicians, HVAC, plumbing, and welding for plate and pipe (construction and industrial) using NCCR, Contren curriculum. Online Industrial Maintenance Training is available. For more information, contact Tom Collins at 256-306-2664.

Non-credit Healthcare Certification Programs include Medical Billing and Coding, Phlebotomy, and Pharmacy Technician.

Commercial Truck Driving Training (CDL)

There is a federal requirement that each state have standards for the licensing of commercial drivers. This class provides driver license testing information and training for unskilled drivers who wish to have a commercial driver license (CDL) and endorsements. To get a CDL, you must pass knowledge and skill tests. This class will help you prepare to pass the tests.

Course Code: CDL 900
Course: 200 hours; 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Monday – Thursday;
Classes begin every five weeks
Cost: Please contact the College's Business and Industry Office at 256-306-2584 for cost
Location: Decatur Campus – Aerospace Training Center
Instructor: Mary Smith

Corporate IT Training is offered in Microsoft Certified Systems Engineering, Microsoft Certified Database Administrator, Microsoft Certified Solutions Developer, Comp TIA, A+, and Networking+ as well as other programs.

Further details are available on the Business and Industry Services website: www.calhoun.edu then click on Business and Industry.

ACT Online Classes

Calhoun Community College operates an ACT Center with over 5,000 online, skill-based courses. The ACT Center offers convenient online courses and online training for businesses and individuals. The courses are available at your convenience, and may be taken from any computer with Internet access available.

The ACT Center offers courses in the following areas:

- Management
- Workplace Safety
- Basic Office Skills
- Basic Computer Skills
- Networking Fundamentals

For more information visit
<http://www.actcenterlearning.com/calhoun>.