

About the College

Located in Decatur, Alabama, a thriving community in north Alabama's high technology corridor, Calhoun Community College exemplifies the two-year college mission of commitment to excellence in teaching and service.

The largest of the two-year institutions comprising The Alabama Community College System, Calhoun is an open-admission, community-based, state-supported, co-educational, comprehensive community college dedicated to providing affordable, high-quality and accessible education to individuals in its four-county service area.

Offering 62 associate degree programs and 50 career/certificate programs, Calhoun serves over 9,000 students at its 110-acre Decatur campus, its Huntsville location, the Alabama Center for the Arts, and at the Limestone Correctional Facility. The College's faculty and staff are well qualified and remain current in their areas of expertise.

For over 70 years, Calhoun has been an active member of north Alabama. Graduates of the College permeate the community, and many of them have gone on to complete baccalaureate degrees at other institutions in the area, or have entered the work force after successfully completing programs of study and training.

Calhoun successfully continues to meet the educational and training demands of a unique and highly diverse population. The College also is committed to providing training and education for area business and industry through our Business and Industry Services program. Through these services, customized training programs have been developed for such companies as Adtran, Boeing, and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

- With approximately 10,000 credit students, Calhoun remains Alabama's largest two-year college and the 6th largest higher education institution (two-year and four-year) in the state.
- Calhoun's Huntsville/Cummings Research Park campus is the only two-year college campus in the nation located in a major research park.
- Calhoun was the state of Alabama's first public higher education institution designated "smoke free."
- Calhoun is among more than 220 colleges which hold membership in the Achieving the Dream National Reform Network, which provides resources, support and evidence-based strategies focused on closing achievement gaps and increasing student retention, persistence and completion rates.
- Developed in partnership with Athens State University, Calhoun opened Phase I of the Alabama Center for the Arts in 2012, located in downtown Decatur. Phase II of the ACA officially opened August 2016.
- According to a report from the Alabama Community College System, Calhoun's economic impact to the community and state is substantial. Total local economic impact is \$279,284,280 for a return on \$1 investment (ROI) of 12.1, the highest among the state's two-year colleges.
- The top five institutions to which Calhoun students transfer are: University of Alabama in Huntsville (25%), Athens State University (24%), Auburn University (12%), University of Alabama (11%), and University of Alabama - Birmingham (8%).

- Calhoun's top three award-producing degree programs:
 - General Studies
 - Advanced Manufacturing
 - Registered Nursing
- The College enrolls over 1,000 students in two Nursing and six Allied Health programs.
- The College is proud of its quality programs. Currently, 11 degree programs are nationally accredited.
- ACHE (Alabama Commission on Higher Education) data indicates that Calhoun remains the "college of choice" for students from this region.
- With over 1,000 students, Calhoun's Dual Enrollment program is the largest in the Alabama Community College System.