Calhoun Community College's Presidential Honors Program is committed to providing students an exceptional learning experience, focusing on the areas of critical thinking, communication, diversity of thought, and civic engagement and leadership. By having well-defined program outcomes as a guide, our courses are positioned to implement and assess quality educational experiences. These outcomes also support our institutional learning goals, further strengthening the connection to overall student learning at Calhoun Community College.

**Learning Outcomes by areas**

**Critical Thinking**

Students will

- Apply knowledge creatively to solve problems and explain issues, demonstrating complex intellectual and creative skills.
- Discriminate between observation and inference, between established fact and conjecture.
- State and evaluate assumptions with awareness of personal biases and others’ perspectives.
- Recognize, select, and evaluate the relevancy and validity of quantitative and qualitative evidence and information.

**Effective Communication**

Students will

- Produce clear, concise prose.
- State and support a claim in a significant piece of formal writing.
- Assess rhetorical postures, messaging, and audience.
- Articulate well-reasoned arguments in oral presentations.
Diversity of Thought

Students will

- Demonstrate an intellectual grasp of the diversity of the human experience and the importance of accepting personal responsibility for themselves and others.
- Recognize the limits of one’s own assumptions and knowledge and be open to changing one’s mind in the face of new situations and evidence.

Civic Engagement and Leadership

Students will

- Analyze leadership styles in order to establish a foundation for a personal leadership philosophy based on an enhanced understanding of self.
- Recognize the influence of ethical behavior on effective leaders.
- Engage in community activities where they practice servant leadership.
- Assess the perspectives of all those affected by a decision and evaluate the social, economic, and environmental effects of that decision.