



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

**LONG BEACH**

Beach XP



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## A learning community program for first-time, first-year students.

For many, college is a time of great transition — of stark change in routine, unfamiliar sights, and new responsibilities. Finding one's place in this strange environment is a perennial challenge.

At Cal State Long Beach, we are taking a new approach to welcoming first-time, first-year learners to the university experience. Through Beach XP, students can jump-start their college career as part of a community of their peers, cultivating a network on campus at the start of their journey at CSULB.

Beach XP, short for *Beach Experience*, takes the guesswork out of navigating this first year of college, bringing personalized learning experiences, university resources, and mentorship opportunities to learners during a time when nurturing a sense of belonging is critical to their long term success and satisfaction.

Students who participate in cohort models or learning communities develop a stronger sense of

belonging to the university, which improves retention and academic success. With a goal to increase CSULB's student retention rates to 90%, Beach XP aims to re-orient post-pandemic enrollment patterns.

At its core, Beach XP aims to foster lasting connections while enhancing student learning at CSULB. Through integrated peer mentoring and opportunities to join various group activities with other Beach XP classmates, students may take their first steps toward cultivating strong networks on campus.

At the same time, we are bridging partnerships across the university, bringing a holistic campus experience to learners.

This multi-level and interdisciplinary program engages all areas of CSULB, uniting us in a shared pursuit: To build a university community ready to meet the needs of modern students.



**700**

**First-Time, First-Year Students  
Enrolled for Fall 2023**



**34**

**College-Specific Cohorts,  
Each Containing 30 Students**



**12**

**Dedicated Classrooms in the  
CPaCE Building on Campus**



# BEACH XP

## About the Student Experience

First-time, first-year students enrolled in Beach XP enter into college-specific cohorts and meet with the same peers and mentors each week for designated courses that count toward their general education or major-specific requirements. Plus, students will also attend an activity class where they can create connections, discover campus resources, and build on their educational goals.

Students remain in the same classroom for all of their XP classes with the same peers as faculty rotate in and out for the different courses. View the sample class schedule below to see how Beach XP may impact your week! All sample classes marked in yellow are Beach XP classes and all other sample activities are in grey.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<h2>Sample Class Schedule</h2> <p>&gt;&gt;&gt;</p>	BEACH XP ACTIVITY CLASS 8:30 - 9:30		BEACH XP ACTIVITY CLASS 8:30 - 9:30		
	BLAW 220 CLASS 9:30 - 10:15		BLAW 220 CLASS 9:30 - 10:15		
	BREAK		BREAK		MATH 115 ACTIVITY CLASS 10:00 - 11:50
	AFRS 119 CLASS 11:00 - 12:15	ACCT 201 CLASS 11:00 - 12:15	AFRS 119 CLASS 11:00 - 12:15	ACCT 201 CLASS 11:00 - 12:15	
	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
	MATH 115 CLASS 3:30 - 4:20	CHLS 104 B CLASS 2:00 - 3:15	MATH 115 CLASS 3:30 - 4:20	CHLS 104 B CLASS 2:00 - 3:15	



College of Professional and Continuing Education (CPaCE) Building at CSULB



**All XP Classes in One Place**

**Build Strong, Long-Lasting Networks**

The Beach XP activity class contains college-specific programming that aims to enhance student success in college and beyond. Including, but not limited to:

- Career Planning
- Peer Mentoring
- Health and Wellness
- Multicultural Engagement
- Intramural Activities
- Social Opportunities
- Skill Building
- Academic Support
- Community Building
- and more!

*Plus, meal and/or snack options will be provided at no additional cost to the student!*

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