



Common themes in 907 comments about **WHAT STUDENTS LIKED BEST** for students at CSU Long Beach, collected in the September Campus Pulse Survey (9/8 – 9/17/2025)

Connecting with Professors and Classes Going Well

- *“The professors have been welcoming and supportive.”*
- *“I feel confident in my ability to understand the material in most of my classes.”*
- *“My classes have been good and easy.”*
- *“Professors are all amazing.”*
- *“My professors are really engaging and supportive!”*
- *“Awesome support from all my professors.”*

Making Friends and Socializing

- *“Seeing my friends all around campus!”*
- *“Meeting people!!”*
- *“Events and making friends.”*
- *“I have enjoyed making connections in my department and networking with my group of peers.”*
- *“Socializing and making friends in my classes.”*
- *“I’ve met so many cool people already and it’s great to be able to foster those connections.”*
- *“I have enjoyed making connections in my department and networking with my group of peers.”*

Using Facilities and Enjoying the Campus

- *“Having microwaves for food.”*
- *“Getting to explore the campus and study spaces.”*
- *“I am enjoying the convenience of the CSULB shuttle to upper campus from the dorms.”*
- *“Studying at the library is really nice and having the cafe is great.”*
- *“The gym. I love the recreational center”*



Participating in Events and Activities

- *“Week of welcome and being able to join new groups around campus.”*
- *“Tabling with my sorority.”*
- *“The events hosted have been great.”*
- *“The events have been great for making friends.”*
- *“I was able to find a club sport that I really enjoyed.”*
- *“Meeting new people, clubs, and events have been very fun so far.”*
- *“Learning all the different extracurricular activities.”*

Availability of Resources and Supportive Services

- *“Understanding the different resources CSULB provides.”*
- *“There is so much support here at the beach and I am beyond grateful.”*
- *“Exploring the campus and finding various resources that are accessible to me as a student.”*
- *“Flexible advising hours.”*
- *“i have a nice support system with easy access for different resources like beach pantry or the student health center”*
- *“One thing that has been going best for me is connecting with resources ... there is so much support here at the beach and I am beyond grateful to have all of the support and help that I have.”*

Managing Time and Responsibilities Effectively

- *“Less packed schedule.”*
- *“Managing my time.”*
- *“Keeping up with assignments.”*
- *“Completing assignments on time.”*
- *“Finding a routine has been easy.”*
- *“My time management skills and not procrastinating”*



Common themes in 936 comments about **WHAT IS GIVING STUDENTS THE MOST TROUBLE** at CSU Long Beach, collected in the September Campus Pulse Survey (9/8 – 9/17/2025)

Trouble with Parking and Transportation

- *“Parking is horrible and causes me to be late to class.”*
- *“Finding parking has caused me a ton of anxiety.”*
- *“Parking is terrible. I have already missed my first class of the day 2-4 times.”*
- *“The shuttle buses are constantly packed.”*
- *“Parking and realizing that paying for parking is pointless when all the parking lots are permanently full”*

Challenges in Courses and Other Parts of the Academic Experience

- *“Fast-paced lectures making it difficult to process everything.”*
- *“Assignments are confusing, instructions are befuddled.”*
- *“Comprehending new materials in class.”*
- *“Trying to adjust to the way my professors chose to teach the course, sometimes it's hard for me to follow”*
- *“Hard time with some of my professors”*

Difficulty Time Management

- *“Balancing work, home, family, self-care, and school is hard.”*
- *“Managing working full-time and being enrolled full-time.”*
- *“Managing all the assignments and readings during the week.”*
- *“Focusing on academics, deadlines are sometimes hard to follow with the amount of classes i have”*

Disruptions Caused by Construction on Campus

- *“The closure of the USU make is take twice as long to get from one part of campus to another. There is nowhere to study because of the USU closure ...”*
- *“The construction ruins the scenery for the school.”*
- *“Walking to my classes due to construction.”*
- *“The construction and limited space, how now I need to go farther to study or get food.”*



Financial Issues and Financial Aid

- *“Not being able to pay for books.”*
- *“Trying to get a job to pay my tuition and expenses for me and my kids.”*
- *“Stressing about financing school.”*
- *“Paying for school essentials like parking and books”*
- *“My financial aid verification taking a long time to process”*

Trouble Making Friends and Finding Time for a Social Life

- *“I have made one friend. But finding people with the same interests is hard. ...”*
- *“Connecting with people is kind of hard to do.”*
- *“It’s been kind of hard to make new friends, especially because I’m commuting and my classes are pretty big class sizes.”*
- *“Difficulty making friends and connections with peers in my classes.”*
- *“I just wish I could make friends more easily”*

High Levels of Stress and Mental Health Concerns

- *“Being stretched thin. Stress and time management.”*
- *“Financial burdens causing stress and anxiety.”*
- *“Feeling drained and depressed.”*
- *“Honestly, finding parking has been very stressful, but I understand it gets calmer as the semester progresses.”*
- *“Homesickness”*

Issues with Campus Facilities

- *“The WiFi is not the best.”*
- *“Hard to find a working microwave on campus.”*
- *“No free printing.”*
- *“Not being able to find quiet areas to eat lunch at. Without the USU, there are very limited seating areas and campus feels much more crowded...”*

Job / Career Opportunities

- *“Finding an on-campus job.”*
- *“I was expecting job placements on campus....”*
- *“Finding a work-study job I’m eligible for.”*