



Common themes in 563 comments about **WHAT STUDENTS LIKED BEST** at CSU Long Beach, collected in the October Campus Pulse Survey (10/6 - 10/15/25)

Enjoying their classes, feeling challenged, and succeeding academically

- *“My classes have been really fun and engaging and it makes me eager to go to school every day.”*
- *“I feel challenged academically and I enjoy that! I like learning.”*
- *“... my class schedule. It’s pretty much how I want it to be!”*
- *“Socializing with classmates, getting to discuss my work with others in my major”*
- *“Anything that has to do with my academics. Meeting with my advisors, getting my classes situated, all of that has been easy and it allows me to do really well in school so far.”*

Making friends and connecting with peers

- *“Making and hanging out with friends in the dorms.”*
- *“I have created a solid group of friends that I can lean on if I need support.”*
- *“Meeting new people and making friends.”*
- *“Connecting with classmates”*
- *“I made new friends, and joined a club.”*
- *“Meeting and connecting with international/exchange students”*

The accessibility, kindness, and support of their professors

- *“Professors have been really understanding and working with me while I have been dealing with health issues.”*
- *“My professors are awesome! They are very helpful and caring.”*
- *“One of the best things... is how easy going the teachers are and how easy it is to reach out to them.”*
- *“My professors are great. I truly like the material I am learning in my classes.”*
- *“I enjoy my professors, they are approachable and have unique personalities. Their passion and knowledge for their subject is truly reflected in their style of teaching.”*



Participating in campus activities, clubs and events.

- *“The best thing going on for me is the salsa club.”*
- *“I joined paint & sip and coffee and climb events.”*
- *“Fun campus events.”*
- *“I think going to events has been the thing so far that's the best.”*
- *“Basketball league (IMS)”*
- *“free food and tons of activities/events on campus. free items like feminine products, water bottles, snacks and tote bags. Informational events too.”*

Access to resources like the gym, library, pantry, and study spaces

- *“The beach pantry... helps me out with my groceries.”*
- *“I love going to the SRWC.”*
- *“The availability of campus resources for students.”*
- *“I have liked spending time on campus (laying on the grass).”*
- *“Study time at the Horn Center”*

Improvements in time management, mental health, and overall well-being

- *“Trying my best to find a healthy medium between studying and prioritizing health/mental health.”*
- *“I am finally getting into a routine and being able to balance work and school.”*
- *“Getting to class on time and going to the gym every weekday.”*
- *“Challenging my growth in a positive way.”*
- *“That I have been able to prioritize my studies and so far doing well in all my classes. “*



Common themes in 574 comments about **WHAT IS GIVING STUDENTS THE MOST TROUBLE** at CSU Long Beach, collected in the October Campus Pulse Survey (10/6 - 10/15/25)

Feeling pressure to meet academic standards

- *"Passing my midterms has been a struggle for me. I haven't had enough time to study or make time to do homework."*
- *"One of my classes and the structure and lack of organization in the class."*
- *"Being a transfer student: My anxiety over which classes to choose, stay on target for graduation ..."*
- *"The amount of workload has been a little difficult to keep up with."*

Frustrations with construction on campus

- *"The construction on campus and having to get on campus early for parking"*
- *"The construction going on campus which makes it hard to get to class on time."*
- *"All of the construction has ruined the fun of csulb and reduced the areas of places for students to sit and study."*
- *"Walking from student parking to the south side of campus with USU construction has been fairly tiring."*

Difficulties with parking and transportation

- *"The lack of parking has made it difficult for me to arrive at class on time."*
- *"The parking situation this semester has exponentially gotten worse."*
- *"Finding parking and walking to class across campus."*
- *"Parking is cramped in the morning and as a commuter student this is difficult."*

High costs and limited availability of food options on campus

- *"Lack of food options that are a good price near the Theater Arts. The cost of everything is outrageous."*
- *"There's no places to sit or to eat! Food tents are expensive and no one wants to socialize."*
- *"The lack of food options that are on campus that are not expensive. Most things cost a lot of money making it difficult to find a meal within budget."*
- *"No finding good healthy and accessible food on campus on the weekends and weekdays after 7 pm."*



Financial stresses and strains

- *“I had to pay for parking tickets from the school, and it ate up a chunk of the money I had.”*
- *“Money issues with the dorms and getting supplies for my classes and transportation, and my own mental health.”*
- *“... unnecessary loan programs for textbooks and other fees that we are not able to change.”*
- *“My financial aid has still not been properly disbursed. Parking and other fees, such as for required softwares or materials for classes, are therefore very difficult to pay off.”*

Difficulty with belonging and making friends

- *“Meeting with people outside of class, social life.”*
- *“Sacrifices such as not spending time with family and friends but I keep telling myself it will be worth it at the end.”*
- *“Adjusting to the social aspect of college.”*
- *“Feeling like I belong here, there is not a lot of places to socialize and it seems everyone already has made friends. I live off campus and am a transfer, so that might be why it is hard for me to connect.”*

Trouble with time management and scheduling

- *“Keeping up with all my reading and class work and finding free time.”*
- *“Time management. My classes move very quickly in my online program.”*
- *“me not being able to wake up for my 8 am classes”*
- *“My workload is encroaching on my time to study.”*