



Common themes in 665 comments about **WHAT STUDENTS LIKED BEST** at CSU Long Beach, collected in the October Campus Pulse Survey (02/09 - 02/16/26)

Academic Success and Positive Educational Experiences

- *"Classes are a lot of work but I am genuinely surprised at how much I am learning and liking it."*
- *"Staying on top of my coursework and feeling engaged through meaningful discussions and hands-on assignments."*
- *"Learning applicable information, great interactions with classmate – even in online courses."*
- *"Learning from the professors and being in an environment that is conducive to learning."*

Social Connections and Friendships

- *"Being able to connect with my friends on campus and studying together."*
- *"The best thing has been the incredible friendships and connections I have been able to build."*
- *"I have been able to connect with my classmates in all of my classes, I feel like I'm interacting with people more."*
- *"Utilizing my peers to get clarification on required tasks. A very supportive cohort."*

Campus Facilities and Events on Campus

- *"All the events taking place at the campus which makes it lively and make studying more enjoyable! I am loving it."*
- *"Being able to utilize the spaces provided to students to study, rest/relax, eat, and socialize."*
- *"Spending time at the library has been a great experience."*
- *"CSULB facilities, specifically labs, are designed with high advancements and technology."*

Student Support and Services:

- *"CSULB providing basic needs through Beach Pantry, Calfresh and a lot of ASI festivities."*
- *"The support from departments like EOP and Basic Needs."*
- *"I have had amazing experiences with student health services. I really look forward to my appointments since I asked for help."*
- *"The Center for International Education have been really helpful in answering some questions and providing important documents I needed."*



Common themes in 675 comments about **WHAT IS GIVING STUDENTS THE MOST TROUBLE** at CSU Long Beach, collected in the October Campus Pulse Survey (02/09 - 02/16/26)

Construction and Navigating Campus

- *“The construction has been so difficult to navigate through campus”*
- *“Very frustrated with the construction at school, I feel like many of my study locations were taken away”*
- *“The USU construction because it is hard to find a place to eat, sit, and it’s overcrowded”*

Parking and Transportation

- *“Parking. I have to arrive an hour before my actual class time to make it on time.”*
- *“Parking! There never seems to be enough spaces.”*
- *“The shuttle is not on a schedule and sometimes it takes 20 minutes for it to arrive.”*

Financial Stress

- *“The biggest trouble/issue has just been paying for tuition and costs.”*
- *“There’s not a lot of places for food that are affordable.”*
- *“Transportation, tuition, and food being too expensive.”*

Social Isolation and Difficulty Connecting with Others

- *“I’m just a bit lonely. I’m not quite sure how to balance fun and school yet.”*
- *“Trying to find events and fun things to do while at school... resources seem limited.”*
- *“I feel that I am not taking advantage of all the resources... I feel like I won’t belong.”*
- *“I want things on campus to create friendship and bonds.”*

Keeping up With Course Work

- *“Due dates, amount of assignments”*
- *“The stress of balancing work, school and internship.”*
- *“staying focused on schoolwork”*

Finding Affordable Food Options or Any Options at Certain Times

- *“Nothing is available to students during our evening classes as stores, food stops are all closed...”*
- *“On campus food options are ridiculously overpriced. Some food stands have \$19 as the lowest meal option.”*
- *“The lack of places to sit and have lunch with peers or even just alone. Especially when it is raining, it is difficult to find places to sit.”*