

# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH

## College of Liberal Arts Distinctions 2022-2023

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CSULB is a university of talented and diverse students that consistently ranks among the top public universities in the West (*U.S. News & World Report*) and is one of the “Best Value” public universities in the nation (*The Princeton Review’s “America’s Best Value Colleges”*). CSULB’s College of Liberal Arts (CLA) offers students access to nationally renowned academic programs on a campus that is student-centered, service-oriented and globally engaged.

### Prominent Rankings & Awards

CSULB is currently ranked No. 1 in the nation for its impact in driving social mobility, according to *Education Reform Now*, a national think tank and advocacy organization for the American public education system.

The College of Liberal Arts is committed to engaging students in scholarly disciplines and providing new research methods. ATLAS, the college’s advising center, assists students with academic preparation. The University Writing Center and The Learning Center offer tutoring services for students.

The CLA offers multicultural learning opportunities for students to familiarize themselves with various languages, histories and cultures. The George L. Graziadio Center for Italian Studies raises awareness of Italian culture and language. The Yadunandan Center for India Studies supports the study of India’s culture and history, and the American Indian Studies Program offers a minor in Native American Cultures.

CLA collaborates with community partners to provide internship opportunities that align with the education, skills and interests of students. Over 300 organizations collaborate with the CLA to help students identify an area of focus and pursue internship opportunities.

*Great Value College* ranked CSULB the 7th most affordable university in the nation to earn a bachelor’s degree in philosophy in 2021.

For the second straight year, CSULB’s Moot Court Program has produced a national champion. CSULB is one of two public universities to win a national title for oral advocacy. This is the program’s fifth national title.

CSULB College of Liberal Arts alum, Stephanie Bryson, was one of the 32 Americans to earn the title of Rhodes Scholar in 2011. The Rhodes Scholarship is considered the world’s most prestigious student international scholarship program.

CSULB Journalism and Public Relations alum, Asjia Garner, joined First Lady Jill Biden’s communications staff, after having served as a digital media intern for the Obama Foundation in 2019.

CSULB’s History Professor Emily Berquist Soule is the first College of Liberal Arts faculty member to win the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) Internal Research Award.

English Literature alum Erin Gruwell wrote *The Freedom Writers Diary*—inspiring Richard LaGravenese’s 2007 film adaptation of the same name.

In 2020-2021, the College of Liberal Arts launched their graduate recruitment initiative, CLA Equity Scholars, to encourage first-generation, historically underrepresented, and/or low-income students to embark upon graduate studies.

In 2021, \$18 million was awarded to the College of Liberal Arts in research grants for students and faculty.

In 2020-21, the CLA received \$2 million in gifts and bequests in addition to research grants.

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