



Common themes in 300 comments about **WHAT HAS BEEN GOING BEST** for students at CSULB, collected in February's Campus Pulse survey (02/03-02/07).

### **1. Positive interactions with faculty**

- **Examples:**

- "The dedication and efforts to make things positive by my professors when the world around us isn't positive."
- "Professors seem nice."
- "The professors in the graduate social work program are fantastic. I enjoy what I am learning and is clear that the staff wish for the students to succeed."

### **2. Classes and class schedules going well**

- **Examples:**

- "I am happy about two out of three of my courses."
- "Classes are easy to stay on top of."
- "I enjoy my instructors and my courses."
- "The class scheduling times."
- "My schedule is really good this semester."
- "I love my classes."

### **3. Making friends and personal connections**

- **Examples:**

- "Met new wonderful friends for group projects."
- "Seeing friends."
- "Making new friends."
- "Connecting with classmates."
- "Social connections, kind teachers."
- "Meeting new people in my classes and finishing assignments."

### **4. Making use of campus resources**

- **Examples:**

- "Connecting with resources and basic needs and BMAC departments and my advisor."
- "The Library specifically the 2nd floor and basement are my go-to places to go to either eat or relax and do some homework."
- "Visiting Rec Center."



## **5. Staying on top of academic work**

- **Examples:**

- "Not missing classes or assignments."
- "Keeping up with assignments."
- "Finishing my homework on time."
- "Attending all my classes and turning in all the work."

## **6. Engaging in extracurricular activities**

- **Examples:**

- "Many clubs to participate in."
- "I've really been doing things out of my comfort, like going to welcome week, going to the rec center for group classes, and I'm even trying out for the cheer club!"
- "My schedule is really good this semester. I have a large gap but it allows me to explore the campus with friends. We can go bowling and do many other activities that I was not able to do before."
- "Trying out for the men's soccer team."

## **7. Pleasant campus environment**

- **Examples:**

- "Campus community amongst other classmates helps me feel supported."
- "It feels nice to be at campus again and talk to people, people I know and people I don't."
- "The environment has been really great."



Common themes in 299 comments about **PROBLEMS OR DIFFICULTIES** for students at CSULB, collected in February's Campus Pulse survey (02/03-02/07).

### **1. Troubles with parking and transportation**

- **Examples:**

- "Parking has been hard to find."
- "Parking is terrible, food options are terrible and overpriced."
- "Finding a good parking spot has been difficult."
- "Having to drive to school, I dislike driving."
- "Transportation cost."

### **2. Difficulties with course work**

- **Examples:**

- "The amount of coursework I will have this semester."
- "I have so many assignments that it is only the third week and I feel like I am behind or just trying to catch up."
- "Lots and lots of work, all of my classes have been giving me so much work and I've been very stressed out because of it."
- "One thing causing me the most trouble at CSULB is that I struggle with classes sometimes."

### **3. Financial troubles**

- **Examples:**

- "Paying for college tuition."
- "Coming up with the money to pay for tuition while also moving."
- "Financial troubles unexpectedly started up after the holidays."
- "My state funding grant is supposed to cover all of my tuition in theory, but I had to pay \$500 out of pocket. "
- "Loosing my job."

### **4. Mental health issues**

- **Examples:**

- "My mental health has been awful, I am scared for the future for myself and the rest of the world."
- "The stress of everything I have to do."
- "Lots and lots of work, all of my classes have been giving me so much work and I've been very stressed out because of it. "
- "I had to drop a class and I'm very behind in my new class. I feel overwhelmed and very alone with this"

### **5. Lacking social connections**

- **Examples:**

- "Difficulty making friends."
- "making connections, i feel like i am too busy"



- "Adjusting to being here as a transfer commuting and not really having connection feeling a bit lost ..."

## **6. Balancing responsibilities / time management**

- **Examples:**

- "Balancing school and work responsibilities."
- "Stressed about balancing life things with school."
- "Balancing student teaching life with the workload of student teaching seminar class and TPA requirements."
- "Time management."
- "Finding that balance of my schedule to hang out with friends and manage classes."
- "Trying to get into the flow of classes."

## **7. Difficult interactions with faculty**

- **Examples:**

- "One of my courses is stressful, the professor is confusing."
- "Lack of communication and clarity by professors."
- "snoozer professors"
- "In one of my classes the professor is chronically late ... "

## **8. Enough time to rest and sleep**

- **Examples:**

- "My sleep schedule has been inconsistent so I feel tired in class."
- "Lack of sleep, lack of food options on campus, tuition hike."
- "Trying to get more sleep."
- "Having a lot to do both for school and work. Being so stressed that I can't sleep or think. "