



Common themes in 330 comments about **WHAT HAS BEEN GOING BEST** for students at CSULB, collected in March's Campus Pulse survey (03/03-03/12).

1. Positive interactions with faculty and instructors

- "Great professors"
- "My professors have been very supportive"
- "The ability to get help from my professors and university advisors"

2. Academic Coursework, Including Grades

- "Class has been great because the professors and my classmates are social."
- "My classes have been very interesting and I have met some new cool people."
- "I got the second highest score for the first midterm ... which is something I'm proud of."
- "Getting good grades."
- "The variety of class options."

3. Making Social Connections with other Students and Friendships

- "Talking to my chair and one of my classmates who I now see as my best friend."
- "I have some friends in my classes."
- "My study group with classmates"
- "Bonding with my classmates over our academic workload"

4. Enjoying Campus Facilities

- "I have enjoyed the gym."
- "Finding a place to study with an outlet."
- "The library has been an excellent study area for me."
- "Using Horn Center"
- "I am able to use the COB open access computer lab"

5. Student Clubs and Extracurricular Activities

- "Going to club events on-campus."
- "Joining clubs such as Water polo."
- "One thing that has been going best for me is participating in extracurricular activities."
- "On-campus events and clubs"

6. Using Student Support Services

- "The financial aid and advising people."
- "Kind and supportive advisors/counselors."
- "The ability to get help from my professors and university advisors."
- "Enrollment Service"
- "Communicating with advisors."
- "Getting therapy from cares."
- "Going to the SRWC and joining in on the yoga classes that are offered."



Common themes in 333 comments about **PROBLEMS OR DIFFICULTIES** for students at CSULB, collected in March's Campus Pulse survey (03/03-03/12).

1. Financial Issues

- "Financially I owe \$900 back to financial aid from last semester because I had to drop 2 classes."
- "Not enough money to pay for school and non-school related expenses."
- "Money worries"
- "Paying for stuff at school"

2. Stress Related to Academics

- "Balancing all of my classes while trying to get good grades, given the amount of work required for each class."
- "The high expectations and competition of my major ... I've had a lot of stress over making sure my projects are near perfect since this is a very impacted major."
- "One of my classes is super stressful"
- "Focusing in class"

3. Parking and Transportation Issues

- "Parking! There should be a handful of spots for students at the financial aid building."
- "Parking tends to be difficult and stressful most days."
- "Finding street parking."
- "Commuting due to traffic."

4. Mental Health

- "Stress due to assignments."
- "Stress related to my job affecting my ability to concentrate."
- "Struggles with my mental health"
- "Worrying about grades and getting enough sleep"

5. Costs Associated with On Campus Food Options

- "There are not enough food choices on campus, and they close too early."
- "The high prices at the outpost, and restaurants in the USU."
- "how expensive food on campus is"

6. Difficulty Making Social Connections

- "Feeling a lack of community on campus: hard to make friends, difficulty getting involved, lack of active interesting clubs, feeling isolated, etc."
- "Trouble finding new friends."
- "... So busy with work causes me to have little time to make more friends."

7. Balancing Various Responsibilities, especially Paid Employment

- "Balancing school and work."
- "The amount of work that I have to do for school and working full time is really stressful."
- "Falling behind on some classwork"

8. Campus Facilities that Seem Outdated

- "The water leaks and deteriorating ceiling tiles in the FA4 building that never seem to be replaced."
- "Outdated bathrooms and classrooms for the amount of money we pay."