



Common themes in 300 comments about **WHAT HAS BEEN GOING BEST** for students at CSULB, collected 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."
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- "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."
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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

- "The environment has been really great."



- "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 subject / difficult faculty

- **Examples:**

- "One of my courses is stressful, the professor is confusing."