CSU Long Beach (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.

The College of Liberal Arts (CLA), the largest college on campus, has more than 9,000 undergraduate students pursuing a variety of highly valued degrees through the college's 96 majors and minors. The college has 27 departments and programs, several innovative centers and more than 700 dedicated faculty members.

CSULB has received the Overall Sustainable Design award for its Liberal Arts 2, 3, and 4 Buildings Renovation Project during the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference. The award recognizes the university for promoting water and energy efficiency while improving seismic safety and classroom space.

The CLA offers multicultural opportunities and centers for CSULB students including The George L. Graziadio Center for Italian Studies, which raises awareness of Italian culture and the Italian language. The Yadunandan Center for India Studies supports the study of India’s culture and history.

With its Excellence in Higher Education Service Award, the Long Beach Centro Community Hispanic Association honored the Chicano and Latino Studies Department for its support of first-generation college students and for those who come from working-class families.

CSULB ranks 3rd in career resource website Zippia's "Best Colleges for Human Development Majors" in California.

CSULB Professor of Chicano & Latino Studies Jose Moreno was elected in 2017 as City Councilman of Anaheim and has been elected in 2018 to serve as Mayor pro-term.

CSULB announced its first Rhodes Scholar, a College of Liberal Arts alum. The Rhodes Scholarship is considered the world’s most prestigious student international scholarship program.

CSULB’s History Professor Emily Berquist Soule is the first College of Liberal Arts faculty member to win the $10,000 Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) Internal Research Award.

The American Indian Studies Program has recently established partnerships in three colleges to offer a revised minor in Native American Cultures.

The Department of Economics’s Office of Economic Research focuses on issues facing the region, state and nation and integrates scholarship opportunities for students.

CSULB’s student-run magazine, The Daily 49er, has won the Newspaper Pacemaker Award, placed first for Reporter of the Year, third for Feature Picture, and fifth for Design of the Year.

The Journalism Department has a partnership with VoiceWaves, an organization that educates minority, immigrant and gay and lesbian youth ages 16–24 about journalism. VoiceWaves recently held a photo exhibit for young photojournalists called "Our Community".