

A Study of Study Spots

At LBCC

Distractions are plentiful in the world we live in—the internet, cell phones, video games, TV, the fridge, friends, or even your favorite book can provide all the reasons you need to procrastinate on one of the most important aspects of student life: studying. Check out this list of great study places at Long Beach City College to help you get down to business with greater efficiency.

IN A GROUP:

Bouncing ideas off of other students who are as invested in your class as you are can help encourage thinking outside of the box and better learning the material by teaching each other.

Tutoring & Supplemental Instruction Center:



Quiet: ★★★★★

Availability: ★★★★★

Comfort: ★★★★★

Overall Rating: ★★★★★

The Tutoring & SI Center provides a great number of tables for studying and quick access to some materials and tutors for a multitude of subjects. With great help and both large and small white boards available for use, it makes the Center a great place to get together with a group and work out your problems together.

The Library Study Rooms at LAC & PCC:

Quiet: ★★★★★

Availability: ★★★☆☆

Comfort: ★★★☆☆

Overall Rating: ★★★★★

If you need a quiet place to study, look no further than the library for a number of study rooms. Whiteboard equipped, these study rooms are the ultimate place to get some peace and quiet for periods of 2 hours each. They are a little small for large groups, but small groups of 3-4 people will find it just right. There are no reservations, so it's first-come, first-serve and it fills up quickly!



LAR Study Rooms at LAC & PCC:

Quiet: ★★★★★

Availability: ★★☆☆☆

Comfort: ★★★★★

Overall Rating: ★★★★★

Study rooms in the Learning and Academic Resources department are located inside the Multidisciplinary Success Centers on both the LAC and PCC Campuses. These sound-proofed rooms are of limited availability, but are the best for getting work done. A Media Presentation Practice room is available at the LAC location (L-212) by reservation to prepare for presentations. Recording and viewing ensure that you're at the top of your presentation game.

The LAC Nordic Lounge & PCC Student Union:

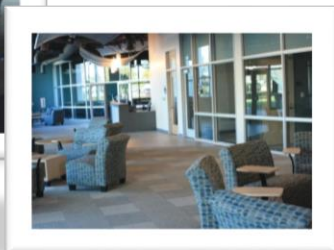
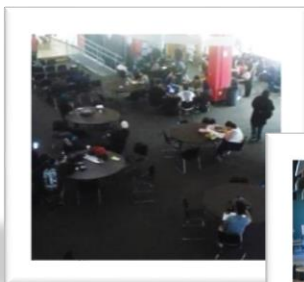
Quiet: ★☆☆☆☆

Availability: ★★★★★

Comfort: ★★★★★

Overall Rating: ★★★☆☆

Lots of seating availability and tables make the Nordic Lounge one of the most available study places at LBCC. Located in the E-building next to the cafeteria, the Lounge provides comfortable couches, tables, and great lighting. It can get a somewhat noisy though, especially if there's an event going on.



BY YOURSELF:

Sometimes you just need a little space to digest the material on your own. Check out these great on-campus locations where you can do some independent work!

The Libraries at LAC & PCC:

Quiet: ★★★★★

Availability: ★★★★★

Comfort: ★★★★★☆

Overall Rating: ★★★★★

Great places to curl up with a good book or simply get some studying done, these libraries are both in temperature-controlled buildings that make for a comfortable environment whether it's sunny or pouring down rain. Amongst the stacks, you'll find both study resources and a myriad of tables, comfortable chairs, cozy alcoves, and solitary cubicles to make your study experience as personalized as possible. LAC campus library is located on the first floor of the L-building; PCC is located on the first floor of the LL-building.



L-Building Colonnade:

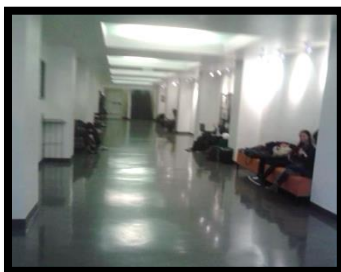
Quiet: ★★★☆☆

Availability: ★★★☆☆

Comfort: ★★★★★☆

Overall Rating: ★★★☆☆

Located on the second floor of the L-building, the colonnade is the hallway that extends from the staircase at the front of the building back to the Computer Lab and Success Center. With colorful benches, chairs, and small end tables this is a convenient spot with bustling humanity passing through. Plenty of outlets available for laptops if those are a preferred study tool.



E-Building Underground:

Quiet: ★★★★★☆

Availability: ★★★★★☆

Comfort: ★★★☆☆

Overall Rating: ★★★★★☆

Right outside the Writing and Reading Success Center and International Students Office in the basement of the E-building, there is an underground study area that features a quiet place to work independently. Plenty of seating is available, though some chairs are not in the best shape which is what gives this area a lower rating, but it is a peaceful area that keeps cool on hot days.



Computer Labs at LAC & PCC:

Quiet: ★★★★★

Availability: ★★★★★☆

Comfort: ★★★★★☆

Overall Rating: ★★★★★☆

LBCC has fantastic computer labs on both campuses to make technology accessible to all students. With easy-access labs located in the LAC and PCC Academic Computing Labs (L-251 and LL-216 respectively), these labs create a quiet environment to foster excellent study habits. If you need sound, headphones are available to check out at the front desk. Support for Macs and PCs available at LAC, PCs only at PCC. Printing is available at both centers at low prices. There is usually space but the semester-end can get crowded. You may want to bring a jacket, because it can get chilly at times.



Success Centers:

Quiet: ★★★★★☆

Availability: ★★★★★

Comfort: ★★★★★

Overall Rating: ★★★★★☆

The college success centers feature a well-lit environment and open tables that will help you find a good spot to study up. Noise levels are fairly low, with some talking from the activities going on in center, but not loud enough to be disruptive. With a comfortable ambient temperature, these make exceptional spots to get some work done without distraction.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS:

Nature and fresh air can be a great way to clear your mind and get away from the stresses of the world around you. Here are some of our favorite outdoor spots at LBCC:

A-BUILDING



The new A-building has a brilliant courtyard with covered tables and a peaceful atmosphere. The foliage in the courtyard is gorgeous, providing a good atmosphere for any task. The surrounding building breaks strong winds.

M-BUILDING



The M-building courtyard is mostly isolated. It doesn't have seating, but a nice study on the grass doesn't sound too shabby! Unless there is nearby construction, this courtyard is usually untouched by noise.

P-BUILDING



This courtyard is a hidden gem not many people know about. Quaint and quiet, the P-building's courtyard is very relaxing. Take a break, read a book, or study for that exam in this stress-free courtyard.

T-BUILDING



Plenty of seating is available here on this courtyard located toward the back of the T-building, near the parking structure. There is frequently a light breeze because this yard is not surrounded by building walls.

LAC FRONT YARD



After its revamp, the front of the school has an excellent front yard to study in. Surrounded by palm trees and water-saving flora, it always looks like a summer day regardless of the weather. Multiple benches available.

LAC QUAD



The Quad is at the center of LAC campus life. Half the people there will be studying and half will be having fun. A shaded table area is perfect for eating, hanging out, or studying. Grass-covered areas are perfect for catching some SoCal sunshine next to the library.

V BLDG



The V building is full of amazing resources for students. It's the new location of the Math Success Center, no-print computer labs, and LBCC's very own Culinary Arts Bistro & Bakery. Get a snack and enjoy the breezy outside sitting areas for a healthy dose of study time.

PCC QUAD



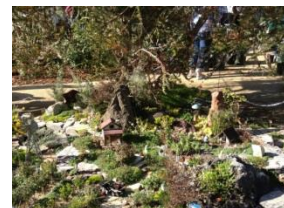
Need to study for half an hour between class and lunch? There is a constant stream of people passing through so don't expect to get any serious work done here, but the PCC quad is a nice place to get some quick reviewing under your belt!

CTE YARD AT PCC



This refreshing yard hides in plain sight between the II and JJ buildings at the north end of the PCC campus. Native plants, open air, and your choice of shade or sun make the CTE Yard a lovely place to get a good spot of contemplation, study, or relax.

PCC GARDENS



Quiet except for intermittent rooster crows and a babbling fountain, the gardens are full of beautifully sited benches and a gazebo to capture the lush gardens and pond in this relatively secluded part of the campus. Don't fall asleep!

There are plenty of places at Long Beach City College to get a healthy dose of well-paced studying done. Don't forget to manage your time, and if you ever find yourself in need of improved study skills or to develop your learning and academic strategies, check out a LEARN11 class or visit us online for more information at

<http://www.lbcc.edu/lar>