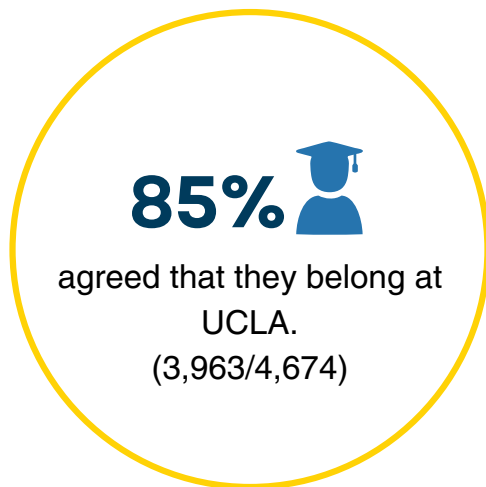
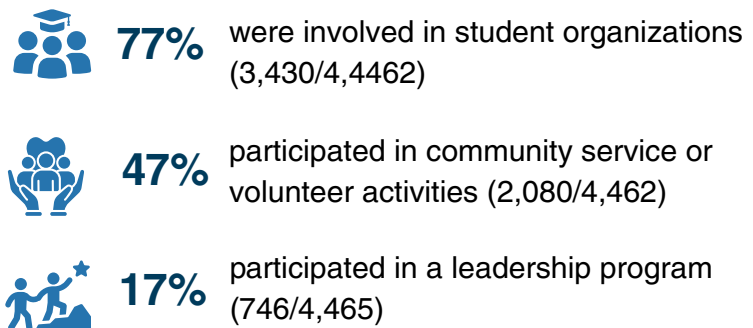


Co-Curricular Engagement and Connection: A UCUES Snapshot on Student Belonging

Engagement in co-curricular activities is one dimension of a broader student experience that supports sense of belonging at UCLA. Of undergraduate students responding to the University of California Undergraduate Experience Survey (UCUES) in 2024,



Co-Curricular Activities



Student Organizations

 **+9%** higher belonging than students who are not involved (96% compared to 77%).

Community Service/Volunteer Activities

 **+3%** higher belonging than students not participating (86% compared to 83%).

Leadership Program

 **+3%** higher belonging than students not participating (87% compared to 84%).



Across activities, students who participate report 3-9% higher sense of belonging than those who do not. While the effects are small*, they are statistically significant and consistent across activities, suggesting co-curricular engagement contributes to a stronger sense of belonging.

**Effect sizes are small (0.03-0.11) but consistent.*