

Kaplan International

Illinois Institute of Technology



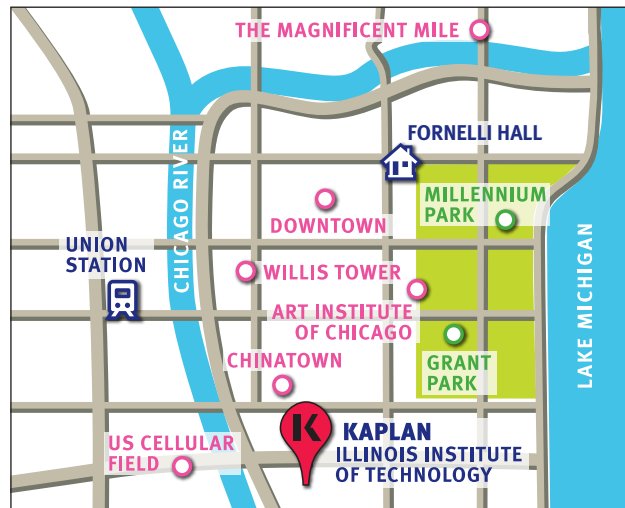
Kaplan International at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) is located on the IIT campus. A school like no other – enjoy the perks of one of the most prestigious campuses in the US - the Illinois Institute of Technology. A gymnasium with basketball, racquetball and indoor soccer courts as well as a swimming pool and open fields for sports and outdoor activities; a wonderful library with a wide collection of books; “The Bog”, a space where students can play bowling, pool, video games or simply have a drink; and the McCormick Pavilion Center, with stores, cafeterias and leisure areas that complete a university life-like experience.

IIT is a prestigious private PhD granting university, with programs in engineering, science, psychology, architecture, business, design and law. Kaplan International is partnered with IIT, so students who complete our Advanced Level are able to transfer to IIT without taking a TOEFL® test.

With a comfortable feel of a university, while allowing students easy access to downtown Chicago, Kaplan IIT is only a 3-minute walk from USA Cellular Field, home to the Chicago White Sox. Chicago is full of world class museums like the Field Museum, and the Museum of Science and Industry – both close to the school. The city is world renowned for its amazing architecture, which you can see on the Architecture Boat Cruise, or from the top of Sears Tower.



Illinois Institute of Technology Tower



Kaplan International at Illinois Institute of Technology
10 W. 35th Street
2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60616

Kaplan International in the USA are accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training.

Kaplan International is a member of TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and NAFSA (Association for International Educators).



School Facilities

Classrooms

The school has 7 comfortable classrooms with access to multimedia equipment and innovative SMART Boards®.

Multimedia Center

The Multimedia Center is equipped with 15 computers, full internet access, and a variety of online language learning resources.

Library

Kaplan International students have access to the extensive IIT library which features private study rooms, group study rooms and giant bean-bag chairs!
The library is open 24 hours a day.

Student Lounge

There are student lounges in the center, in the dormitories and in the architecturally renowned Student Union Building. All of the lounges feature private study rooms, group study rooms and giant bean-bag chairs!

Cafeteria

There is a small café serving hot and cold meals on the ground floor of the building. The main campus cafeteria is located in the Student Union Building and seats over 300 students. There is also an Einstein Brothers Bagels, the Center Court cafe for lunch and even the upscale 'Pritzker Club' restaurant on campus. There is a student bar in the bowling alley for student 21 and over.

Sports facilities

There are playing fields, basketball courts, a football field, a swimming pool, a running track, and volleyball court available for students to use. Students can also play racquetball, ping-pong, pool, or visit the on-campus bowling alley.

Gym facilities

Students have free access to a large gym on campus: it includes weight training machines, free weights, cardio machines and locker rooms.

Activities/Social Program

Chicago provides visitors with many big-city recreational opportunities. Watch the famous Chicago Bulls basketball team, or see the Cubs play at America's oldest and most famous baseball stadium, Wrigley Field. Chicago's cultural scene is packed with hundreds of shows, exhibits, festivals and special events including a tour of a house designed by celebrated architect Frank Lloyd Wright.



Classroom



SMART Board®

Orientation Information

On the first day of your course please report to the Kaplan International at Illinois Institute of Technology school.

Address: 10 W. 35th Street, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60616

Orientation schedule:

- English courses: 8:30 am

Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a national holiday on the Monday - in which case your first day will be Tuesday.

Your course will begin with an all-day introduction, which will include:

- A welcome talk by the School Director
- A placement test to determine the level of the course you require
- Information about your classes
- Information about the school and area
- An overview of school activities and excursions
- A tour of the college, including Kaplan facilities as well as all campus facilities available to Kaplan students
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport
- I-94 (if applicable)
- I-20 form (if you have an F-1 visa)
- Your address in the USA
- All your Kaplan documents and a pen and paper for note-taking purposes.
- USD \$40 cash book deposit
- Proof of medical insurance

On the first day you will receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, specific skills, and the hours you are to attend class. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English.

Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

Chicago has an excellent public transportation system and Kaplan International IIT is easily accessible by bus or train. The school is only 10 minutes from Downtown Chicago by public transportation. The Green line train is directly across the road from the campus, or the Red line is about a 5 minute walk. IIT also offers a free shuttle bus to and from Downtown Chicago that runs mornings and afternoons Monday to Friday.

Banks and Post Office

There is a post office and mailroom on campus. There are also ATMs on campus and many other major banks located in Chicago.

Restaurants and cafés

Chicago is famous for its diverse and unique cuisines. You can find almost any type of food imaginable amongst the various city neighborhoods. The city boasts 21 Michelin star restaurants and is home to celebrity chefs Charlie Trotter, Graham Elliot and Rick Bayless.

Department stores and supermarkets

Both shopping and supermarkets are plentiful throughout the greater Chicago area. The famous Magnificent Mile offers some of the best shopping in America, including Prada, Burberry, Barneys and Saks.

Telephone and Internet

Enjoy campus-wide internet in any number of cool places on campus: the library, the cafes, or even under the trees. There are several companies offering very reasonable deals on cellphones, and international calling cards are also available.



IIT campus



Beach volleyball court on campus



One of the campus common rooms



Sky train at the campus

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich:	\$6
Hamburger:	\$6
Meal in Restaurant:	
Dinner	\$20-\$30
Lunch	\$10-\$20
Tea/Coffee:	\$3.00
Tickets:	
Movie	\$10
CTA Bus	\$2.25
CTA Train	\$2.25

Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample program and activities may change.

Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	Visit the Sky Deck at Willis Tower, or Ice Skating at Millennium Park
Wednesday	Volleyball
Thursday	Watch a professional baseball game
Friday	Music in Grant Park
Saturday	Six Flags Adventure Park

Week two

Monday	Movie at the Navy Pier
Tuesday	Visit to the Art Institute
Wednesday	Volleyball match
Thursday	Social evening activity
Friday	Maxwell Street Flea Market

Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

You should fly to Chicago O'Hare or Midway Airport. If you have paid for the Transfer Service, a greeter holding a Kaplan sign will meet you outside, after you have claimed your luggage.

Should you have any questions or cannot find the transportation company, please call the Kaplan 24 hour emergency phone number: **1-916-962-6218**.

Independent Transfers

Taxis may be taken to the Homestay or to the dorms. Trains depart from both airports.

To get to the center:

From O'Hare Airport: take the BLUE Line train, transfer to the RED line at Jackson - Exit at 35th/ White Sox .

From Midway Airport: take the ORANGE Line train, transfer to the GREEN Line at Roosevelt (heading south to 95th) exit at IIT/Bronzeville stop.

The subway stops inside the airport and only costs \$2.25 to travel all the way to the school.



Kaplan Students at Illinois institute of Technology