

Kaplan International

# Golden West College



We are looking forward to seeing you at Kaplan International at Golden West College (GWC) and we are sure that you will enjoy your studies and your stay in Orange County. Kaplan International at GWC has a relaxed and friendly campus atmosphere and offers the chance to experience life on an American college campus. As a student here, you will have access to excellent campus facilities including the library, computer lab, and student center among others.

Situated in Surf City USA in the heart of sunny California, Huntington Beach is an ideal place to live. The city's mild and dry climate is considered one of the best in the country, and it is also one of the most exciting and attractive tourist destinations in California. Huntington Beach is also known as Surf City and is home to the U.S. Open of Surfing every summer, the world's largest surf competition where the best surfers in the world compete for prestigious surf titles. Huntington Beach's location provides easy access to the Pacific beaches, inland deserts, and mountains, as well as world-renowned attractions like Disneyland, Sea World, Six Flags Magic Mountain, and Universal Studios. Orange County also offers many famous shopping sites such as Westminster Mall, the Bella Terra Mall, South Coast Plaza, and Fashion Island.

Golden West College is a 122-acre, two-year community college offering a variety of degree and certificate programs from traditional liberal arts and sciences to the most advanced technologies. At Golden West College, students can fulfill their general education requirements for California State Universities.



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Kaplan International at Golden West College  
15744 Goldenwest Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
USA

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).



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## School Facilities

### Library

All Kaplan students receive a student ID card and are assigned a user name and password that gives them access to the Golden West College library. Students may log on to the computers in the library (over 100 computers available) as well as the wireless network on campus. They have borrowing privileges for textbooks, fiction, readers, etc. Students also have in-library access to videos, audiotapes, and CDs. Students have access to TV's with headphones, and may listen to CDs or watch DVDs using the computers.

### Student Lounge

Golden West College has a student lounge located in the Student Services Center. The lounge has TVs, video games and a seating area where students can relax and socialize.

### Cafeteria

Golden West College's cafeteria is located in the Student Services Building and is open from Monday to Friday. There is made-to-order breakfast and lunch available as well as a fresh salad bar. Snacks and drinks are also available.

### Sports facilities

Kaplan students have access to the tennis courts, track, basketball courts, volleyball courts, and soccer fields on the Golden West College campus. Students may check-out sports equipment from our main office. Students must be enrolled in the Kinesiology course at GWC in order to use the gymnasiums (weight room) and swimming pool.

### Activities/social program

Kaplan International at GWC offers students a wide selection of outdoor activities to choose from. From world-class tennis and golf facilities to soccer and basketball there are many popular organized activities in which students can participate in. Students can also enjoy beach bonfires, movies, shopping, and trying out new restaurants.

### Gym facilities

There are many gyms in Huntington Beach, including 24-hour Fitness and LA Fitness. These gyms are located within a mile of Kaplan International at GWC and can be reached by bus or bicycle.



Classroom



Cafeteria

### Orientation Information

On the first day of your course please report to the Kaplan International at Golden West College School.

**Address:** 15744 Goldenwest Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92647

#### Orientation schedule:

- English courses: 9:00 am
- iGRE course: 4:00 pm

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:

- Ice Breaker, Staff Introductions
- Campus Tour
- Placement test
- Student Visa Information, Enrollment Agreement, Academic Information
- Information about homestay, apartment and activities

#### Please bring the following with you:

- Passport
- I-94 (if applicable)
- I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility), if required
- Your address in the USA
- All your Kaplan International documents
- A pen and paper for notetaking purposes
- Proof of Health Insurance

At the end of the day you will receive information about your general class schedule and the hours you are to attend class. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English. Your classes will begin the following day, on Tuesday

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## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

There is an OTCA bus stop located on the college campus. The nearest additional bus stops are about a 5-minute walk away. The Amtrak Train Station is located in Santa Ana and is 15 miles away from the Kaplan International School.

### Banks and Post Office

There is a cash machine in Golden West College's Student Services center. The nearest bank and post office are conveniently located less than a mile from the center. Students can take a bus, ride a bike, or walk there.

### Restaurants and cafés

There are many restaurants and cafés located within a mile of the Golden West College campus. There is also a cafeteria located on the campus.

### Department stores and supermarkets

There are several shopping centers close to the school. Most centers have restaurants, shops, movie theatre, and 24 fitness gym.



Local area

### Cost of Living

#### Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich	\$5.50
Hamburger	\$5
Meal in restaurant (depending on the restaurant) approximately	
Lunch	\$10 - \$20
Dinner	\$20 - \$30
Tea/Coffee	\$2.50
Tickets:	
Movie	\$10
Bus	\$2.00 (single fare) \$69 (30 day pass)

### Sample Activities Schedule

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

#### Week one

Monday	Matinee movie
Tuesday	Bowling
Wednesday	Coffee conversation
Thursday	Basketball
Friday	Potluck

#### Week two

Monday	College skills workshop
Tuesday	Shopping at South Coast Plaza
Wednesday	BBQ lunch party!
Thursday	Volleyball
Friday	Universal Studios

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Transfers

The airport transportation representative will meet you at your destination airport (LAX). He or she will be holding a Kaplan sign and will be standing at the end of the ramp where all the international passengers exit.

Students will be provided with the number of the airport transport service or contact person beforehand. This information will be sent along with the transfer confirmation up to 2 weeks prior the travel date.

### Independent Transfers

Taxis are available outside the airport terminal.



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