

Kaplan International

Seattle



If you love the great outdoors, then the Emerald City is the place for you. Seattle is a nature lover's paradise situated between beautiful Puget Sound and the majestic Cascade Mountains. While here, you are less than an hour from some of the most pristine wilderness in the world, with old growth forest showcasing 100m tall redwoods, numerous cascading waterfalls, snow-capped mountains, raging rivers, and tranquil alpine meadows. You can spend your non-school time being adventurous and go hiking, kayaking, white-water rafting, rock climbing, skiing, diving, or just enjoying the views.

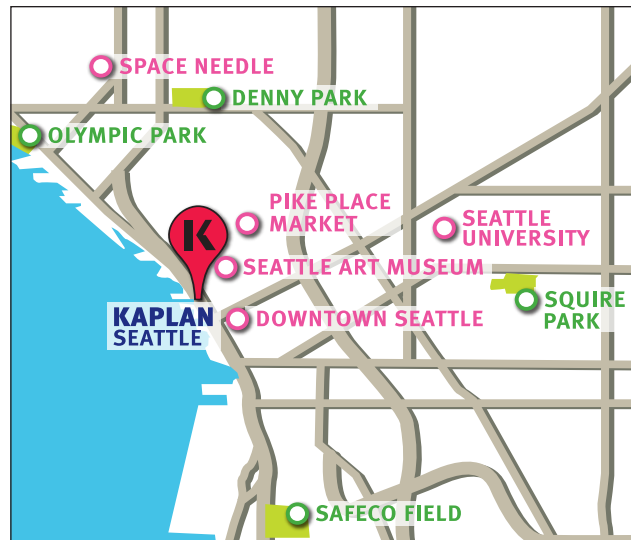
If you like the finer parts of life, you can visit a host of world-class restaurants, museums, shops, and music venues. Seattle is home to upscale retailers like Nordstrom, Eddie Bauer, Tommy Bahama, and Outdoor Research. Seattle also hosts the world famous Chihuly Glass Museum, Boeing Museum of Flight, Pacific Science Center, Science Fiction Museum, American Automobile Museum, and the Burke Natural History Museum, and many more. For animal lovers, Seattle has the world famous Woodland Park Zoo and the Seattle Aquarium.

If sports are your things, you can attend one of our nationally ranked sports team events. The Seattle Seahawks are the 2014 Super Bowl Champions! Seattle also hosts the Mariner's Baseball team, Sounders Soccer team, Sonics Women's Basketball team, and the Thunderbirds Hockey team.

Aside from great social activities for everyone, Seattle is a magnet for new start-up companies. It is home to some of the largest and most high-tech companies in the world, like Microsoft, Amazon, Boeing, Starbucks, and T-Mobile. All are open for tours.



Seattle at night



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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 NAESA (Association for International Educators).



School Facilities

Classrooms

Kaplan International Seattle has 19 classrooms. To facilitate the learning experience, our teachers often make use of SMART Board®, television and DVDs.

Multimedia and IT center

There is a computer lab for students to improve their English using a range of language learning tools. There are also several computer kiosks for students to check their email. Wireless internet is also available throughout the school.

Library

Within the Kaplan International Seattle school is a resource library that offers students access to DVD's, graded readers, novels, grammar books, class textbooks, TOEFL® and other test preparation materials. The Central Seattle Public Library is 6 blocks from the school, offering free computer access, wireless internet as well as book, CD and DVD loans. Alternatively, students have access to the University of Washington (UW) libraries and materials. School staff will help you obtain a library card if you wish.

Student Lounge

There is a student lounge that is equipped with vending machines, refrigerators and microwaves. The lounge also offers comfortable couches and a TV, which makes it the ideal spot for students to relax after class. The lounge is open to students during the regular school hours. There is a dedicated prayer room for student use at the school.

Cafeteria

Kaplan is in the heart of Seattle where students can find countless affordable restaurants nearby which serve various international and American cuisines.

Gym facilities

Downtown Seattle has a YMCA and YWCA within walking distance of the school along with several other private fitness centers.

Activities/Social Program

With Mariners baseball games, hiking at Mt. Rainier, canoeing and paintball, you'll discover parts of Seattle you didn't know existed. These activities are led by a member of the Kaplan staff and will help you to meet new people and discover the city.



SMART Board®



Classroom

Orientation Information

On the first day of your course please report to the Kaplan International Seattle school.

Address: 51 University Street, Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98101

Orientation schedule:

- English courses: 8:30 am
- iGMAT/iGRE courses: 1:00 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.

On your first day of orientation, Kaplan will collect all the required documentation listed below. Afterward, you will also be given a tour of Kaplan's facilities and the surrounding area. You will learn practical information such as where to buy a phone card or bus pass, how to use the post office, and where to find the best coffee! On your first day of orientation, you will do several activities to help you get to know your fellow students.

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport
- I-94 (if applicable)
- I-20 form, for student visa holders
- Your address in the USA
- Course Payment/Voucher, if available
- USD \$40 book deposit
- Proof of health Insurance (if you did not purchase Kaplan insurance)
- All your Kaplan documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.

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

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Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

Buses to most areas in Seattle are available within a few minutes walk of the center. Trains to Vancouver, Canada and Portland (both approximately 4 hours) are available downtown.

Banks and Post Office

A variety of banks are within a few blocks of the center.

Restaurants and cafés

There are many restaurants of all varieties right outside the door of the center.

Department stores and supermarkets

There are many shopping opportunities in the downtown area.



Kaplan students on campus



Kayaking Lake Union



Strolling around Pike Place Market



Relaxing at Gas Works Park

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich	\$ 8
Lunch	\$ 10 - \$15
Hamburger	\$8- \$10
Meal in restaurant	\$10 - \$20
Tea/Coffee	\$3
Tickets:	
Movie	\$8 - \$11
Bus	\$2.50
Weekly metro pass or equivalent	\$34

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	Barbecue
Wednesday	Movie night
Thursday	Mariners baseball games
Friday	Overnight trip to Whistler, Canada

Week two

Monday	Canoeing
Tuesday	Pike Place Market
Wednesday	Trip to the Space Needle
Thursday	Visit to Theater
Friday	Trip to Boeing

Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

Your arrival will be at the Seattle/Tacoma (Sea-Tac) International airport. A driver will be waiting for you between baggage claim 7 and 8. He/She will be holding a Kaplan sign. Before your departure, you will receive a welcome packet confirming this information.

Independent Transfers

To get to Kaplan International Seattle, the easiest way is the LINK (light rail system). Board at the airport and ride to the end at University Street. It is only a 36 minute ride. Walk three blocks southwest on University Street to the school! Alternately, you may ride the bus. Take the 560 bus north to Seattle and change to the 120 bus at 26th Avenue. You may also pay for a taxi.



Student Lounge