

Kaplan International

San Diego



Welcome to Kaplan International San Diego's new location in the cosmopolitan and exciting downtown area of San Diego in the historic Gaslamp District. Kaplan International San Diego offers a comprehensive range of English courses with first class learning facilities. The new center is located on the 2nd floor of a brick faced building, with large windows and includes a large student lobby/reception area, an outdoor patio, expanded computer room, prayer room, 20 classrooms, modern technology infrastructure and SMART Boards®. This school has an experienced and caring staff offering excellent service and personal attention to students. There are several affordable restaurants within walking distance to the school in addition to a large shopping mall (Horton Plaza), movie theaters, several boutiques/ shops, PETCO park baseball stadium and a brand new ultramodern library.

San Diego, California has a population of over 1 million and is the sixth largest city in the US and is one of the most scenic places on the Californian coast. The exquisite weather makes it a popular tourist destination. Combining natural beauty and local charm, San Diego's coastal communities of Del Mar, La Jolla, Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach, Coronado are beautiful neighborhoods with white, sandy beaches.

The city is an outdoor recreational paradise (hiking, biking, surfing, skate boarding, jogging, sailing and other water sport). Students can visit famous attractions like SeaWorld, San Diego Zoo/ Safari Park, Balboa Park, historic Old Town/Presidio Park, Little Italy and the downtown Gaslamp district (restaurants, shopping, theaters and nightclubs). The city also offers a rich cultural and ethnic population, which is reflected in friendly people, a thriving art and cultural scene and wonderful restaurants, museums and shops. Finally, there is thriving nightlife in Pacific Beach, Hillcrest and Downtown. Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Santa Barbara, Baja California, Mexico and Las Vegas are all within driving distance of San Diego for fun weekend getaways.



Kaplan International San Diego Exterior



Kaplan International San Diego
660 6th Ave
San Diego, CA, 92101
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 NAESA (Association for International Educators).



School Facilities

Classrooms

There are 20 classrooms that can seat up to 15 students each. Each classroom is equipped with a SMART Board® and wireless internet.

Multimedia Center

There are computers in the multimedia center along with learning software for students' use. The multimedia center is a great place to utilize technology to maximize your learning. Students with laptops are welcome to use our free wireless internet service.

Library

A selection of English-language magazines and books for all levels is available for students to borrow. Students can also visit and become members of the brand new modern public library within walking distance of the school. Most university libraries allow students to visit and browse the books.

Student Reception and Lounge

The student reception and lounge area is bright, airy and seats up to 30 students. It is equipped with casual sofa seating, high top tables, study desks, vending machines, a sink, microwave, and refrigerator. There are also 2 large, flat-screen televisions. There is an outdoor patio with two picnic tables and large umbrellas and a prayer room for student use also at the center.

Sports and Gym facilities

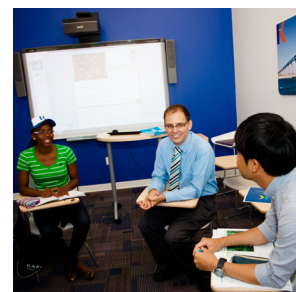
Basketball courts, grassy areas to play soccer and volleyball, running/hiking trails are a short 5-10 minute bus ride from the school at Balboa Park. The Bay Pointe apartments have an outdoor swimming pool, hot tubs, and exercise facilities including treadmills, bikes, weights, and lighted tennis and basketball courts. The Vantage Pointe apartments have an outdoor pool, Jacuzzi, and exercise facilities as well. Gym facilities with short-term membership options are within walking distance of the center and the student apartments.

Activities/Social Program

Kaplan plans a busy schedule of activities each month including weekend trips to San Francisco, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. There are also days at Balboa Park and the famous San Diego Zoo. Additional activities may include beach days, museum visits and outdoor sports.



Student Lounge



Classroom

Orientation Information

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

Address: 660 6th Ave, second floor, San Diego, CA, 92101

Orientation schedule:

- English courses: 9:00 am
- iGMAT/iGRE courses: 10:00 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 center staff
- A placement test to determine the level of the course you require
- Information about your classes and programs
- Information about the TOEFL® exam and university placement services
- Information about the school and area
- An overview of school activities and excursions
- Walking tour of Downtown San Diego (weather permitting)
- 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)
- Proof of medical insurance
- Permission to treat minor form (if under 18)
- USD \$40 cash book deposit
- USD \$150 housing deposit for student apartments payable by credit card
- All your Kaplan documents and a pen and paper for note-taking purposes.

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

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Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

Bus stops and bus links can be found within 1 block from the center. The Trolley Station is a 10 minute walk from the school. The nearest train station and Greyhound bus station is a 10 minute walk from the school.

Banks and post office

Banks are located less than a 5 minute walk from the center. A post office is located within a 5 minute walking distance of the center.

Restaurants and cafés/movie theaters

A variety of restaurants and cafés in all price ranges are located within a few blocks of the school. There are movie theaters across the street from the school.

Department stores and supermarkets

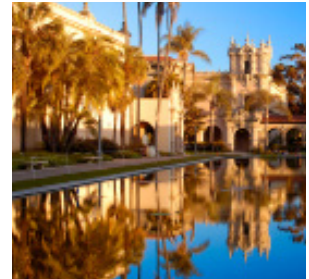
Horton Plaza Shopping Mall is 3 blocks from the school and is home to several department stores as well as other popular clothing stores. The closest supermarket is approximately a 5 minute walk away from the school.

Parking

There are several parking garages near the school that have affordable daily rates for students with cars.



Multimedia Center



Balboa Park



Kaplan students



San Diego skyline

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwiches:	\$7.00
Salad bowl:	\$7.00
Hot meal:	\$10.00
Drinks:	\$2.00
Tickets	
Cinema:	\$11.00
Bus:	
One day pass	\$7.00
1 month pass (adult 19+ years)	\$72.00
1 month pass (under 19 years)	\$36.00

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Week one

Monday	Welcome to new students
Tuesday	Soccer game
Wednesday	Yoga Lesson
Thursday	Trip to Balboa Park
Friday	Happy hour at a Downtown bar/pub
Saturday	Visit the San Diego Zoo

Week two

Monday	Welcome to new students
Tuesday	Shopping at an outlet center
Wednesday	Dinner at an ethnic downtown restaurant
Thursday	Beach day: learning how to surf
Friday	Bonfire at La Jolla shores
Saturday	Weekend trip to Las Vegas

Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

Students should fly to the San Diego International airport (SAN).

If you have paid for the Transfer Service, a driver holding a Kaplan sign will meet you outside the Customs Hall exit (international flights), or at the Baggage Claim area (domestic flights).

You should look carefully for the greeter in both of these locations. If you do not see the greeter, you should go to the Information Desk and ask them to call the center's emergency number at +1-858-551-5750. The Kaplan staff will then advise you on what to do.

If you have any flight changes, miss a connecting flight, or need help meeting the Transfer Service, you should call the center's emergency number at +1-858-551-5750 for help, and be prepared to tell them your name, center name (Kaplan San Diego) and new flight details.

Independent Transfers

Express shuttle – approximately \$45 (+15% gratuity)

Taxi – approximately \$35-\$65 (+ 15% gratuity)



Activities with students



Kaplan students