

Kaplan Aspect Irvine Valley College

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Irvine Valley College Kaplan Aspect School and we are sure that you will enjoy your studies at Kaplan Aspect and your stay in Orange County. Kaplan Aspect IVC has a relaxed, friendly, campus atmosphere and first-class learning facilities. We offer the chance to experience life on an American college campus.

Centrally located in the heart of sunny California and ranked as one of the safest cities of its size in the United States, Irvine is an ideal place to live. Situated between Los Angeles and San Diego, the city's mild, dry and breezy climate is considered one of the best in the country. Its location offers easy access to the Pacific beaches, inland deserts and mountains, as well as world-renowned attractions like Disneyland, Sea World, Magic Mountain, and Universal Studios. Orange County also offers many famous shopping sites such as South Coast Plaza and Fashion Island.

Irvine Valley College is a 100-acre, two-year community college offering a variety of degree and certificate programmes from traditional liberal arts and sciences to the most advanced technologies. At Irvine Valley College, students can fulfil their general education requirements for California State University systems. While at Kaplan Aspect, students can take classes at Irvine Valley College, as long as they place into the Upper-Intermediate level or higher.

Kaplan Aspect Educational Programmes in the USA are accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training.



Kaplan Aspect is a member of AAIIEP (American Association of Intensive English Programs), TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and NAFSA (Association for International Educators).



Irvine Valley College campus



Kaplan Aspect at Irvine Valley College
5500 Irvine Centre Drive
Irvine CA 92618
USA

School Facilities

Classrooms

Kaplan Aspect has 4 large, permanent classrooms with built-in multimedia systems. The system includes an overhead projector, a large pull-down screen, and a computer with DVD drive. Kaplan Aspect maintains class sizes of 15 students or less. The rooms have windows on all sides giving a bright and inviting atmosphere. Depending on enrolment, Kaplan Aspect rents 1 to 2 other classrooms that also have the built in multi-media systems. Kaplan Aspect has 4 smaller permanent classrooms that have TV's, DVD/VHS, CD players, and overhead projectors. All of the classrooms have whiteboards.



Irvine Valley College classroom



Kaplan Aspect students

Multimedia and IT centre

Kaplan Aspect IVC has a small on-site computer lab with email and limited internet access for students. There are currently 5 computers available for general student use and 5 computers available for testing purposes. These computers may be used by both individual students and also for classroom activities.

Library

All Kaplan Aspect IVC students receive a student ID card and are assigned a username and password that gives them access to the Irvine Valley College library. Students may log on to the computers in the library (over 100 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, tapes, and CDs. Students have access to TV's with headphones, and may listen to CDs or watch DVDs using the computers.

Student Lounge

Irvine Valley College has a student lounge located in the Student Services Center. The Lounge includes two rooms: the main room has two billiard tables, Foosball, Table Tennis, and chairs. In the second room, there is a large Television (cable included) and couches. For a small additional fee, students can use the college rec. room.

Cafeteria

Irvine Valley 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 Aspect students have access to Tennis, Basketball, and Volleyball courts, soccer and baseball fields on the Irvine Valley College campus. Students may check-out sport equipment from our main office.

Gym facilities

There are a few gyms in Irvine, including 24-hour Fitness and LA Fitness. These gyms are located within two miles of Kaplan Aspect and can be reached by bus or bike

Activities/social programme

Kaplan Aspect IVC offers students a wide selection of outdoor activities to choose from. Horseback riding, whale watching, kayaking, snorkelling, hiking and surfing are some of the more popular organised activities. Students also enjoy beach bonfires, movies, bowling and trying out new restaurants.

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to Kaplan Aspect School which is located on 5500 Irvine Centre Drive at 9am. (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
- Lunch (provided by Kaplan Aspect)
- Student Visa Information, Enrolment Agreement, Academic Information

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (Green piece of paper you will receive upon arrival to the USA)
- I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility), if required
- Proof of health insurance, if required
- Your address in the USA
- USD 40 book deposit
- Course Payment/Voucher, if available

At the end of the day you will receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, elective course, and the hours you are to attend class. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English. You will need to bring all your Kaplan Aspect documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.

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 15-minute walk away. The Amtrak Train Station in Irvine is 3 miles away from the Kaplan Aspect school.

Banks and Post Office

There is a cash machine in Irvine Valley College's Student Services centre. The nearest bank and post office are conveniently located a mile from the school. 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 Irvine Valley College campus. There is also a cafeteria on campus.

Department stores and supermarkets

There are a few shopping centres close to the school. Most centres have bookstores, shops, movie theatres and supermarkets.

Church / Mosque

There are many places of worship for various religions located throughout Irvine and Orange County.



Kaplan Aspect students having a picnic



Laguna Beach in Irvine



Kaplan Aspect students at a football game



Taking advantage of the tennis courts on the college campus

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD

Sandwich	\$5.50
Lunch	\$6.50
Hamburger	\$5
Meal in restaurant (depending on the restaurant)	approximately \$10 +
Tea/Coffee	\$1.50
Tickets:	
Movie	\$10
Bus	\$1.25 (single fare) \$45 (30 day pass)

Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: www.kaplanaspect.com

Week one

Monday	Matinee movie
Tuesday	Bowling at Irvine Lanes
Wednesday	Milkshakes at Ruby's Diner
Thursday	Happy hour at El Cholo restaurant
Friday	Huntington Beach trip

Week two

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

The Team

Kaplan Aspect School



English Program Director:
Amanda Ross
Amanda oversees all aspects of our school, including academic, business and social. She can help you with any issues during your time at Kaplan Aspect IVC.



International Student Services Coordinator:
Abby Deegan
Abby is responsible for finding host families and helping you adjust to American culture. She is also responsible for student services and activities.



Associate Center Manager:
Garrett Sakai
Garrett can give you advice and information regarding your I-20 and help ensure that you maintain your F-1 status.



Office Assistant:
Erica Martin
Erica can answer all your questions about life in Irvine and Orange County.



Academic Coordinator:
Laura Bryan
Laura can help you with your classes, electives, university placement service and transferring to IVC.

Course Information

Courses

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- TOEFL iBT and Academic English
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester
- University Preparation

Services

- University Placement

Transfer Information

Kaplan Aspect transfers

The airport transportation representative will meet you at your destination airport. He or she will be holding a sign with your name on it 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.

Independent Transfers

Taxis are available outside the airport terminal.



Irvine Valley College campus at night