

# Kaplan Aspect Seattle

Seattle is an international commerce centre and home to major companies such as Microsoft, Boeing and Starbucks. Seattle's mild year-round climate makes it one of the "greenest" cities in the United States. Located between the majestic Cascade Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Seattle is considered one of the most desirable places to live in the United States.

The Kaplan Aspect Seattle school is located right in the heart of Seattle's University District. Restaurants and shops surround the school, and the location is also ideal for meeting American students. This neighbourhood also has many free wireless access options, including a free connection at the Kaplan Aspect school. The Kaplan Aspect Seattle school was completely renovated in 2006, giving further improvements for students.

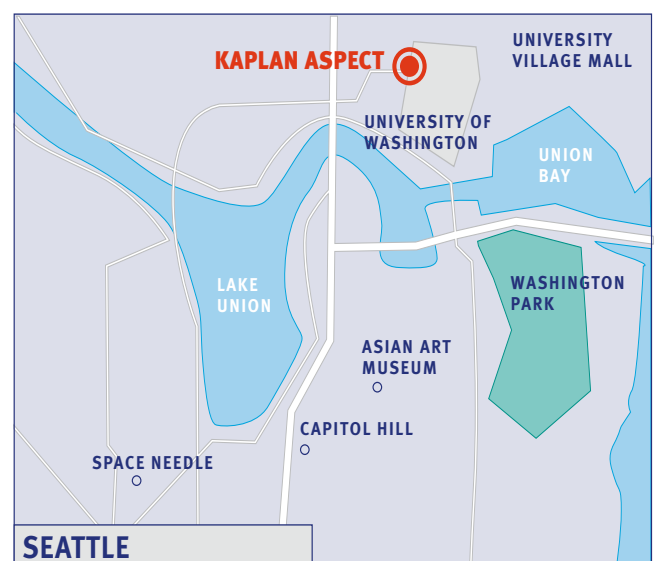


Downtown Seattle

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



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



Kaplan Aspect Seattle  
4216 University Way NE  
Seattle WA 98105  
USA

## School Facilities

### Classrooms

Kaplan Aspect Seattle is constantly expanding and currently has 14 classrooms. To facilitate the learning experience, our teachers often make use of television, DVDs, and other multimedia.

### Multimedia and IT centre

Two computer labs are available with a total of 20 workstations designated for students! The various software available for ESL students includes the ELLIS© pronunciation tool and TOEFL practice exams. Kaplan Aspect also has wireless access that students can use for classroom and personal use. Finally, there are an additional 4 computers available solely for the use of internet and student email.

### Library

Within the Kaplan Aspect Seattle school is a resource library that offers students access to movies, short stories and other fictional books, listening tapes, grammar books, class textbooks, TOEFL, TOEIC and other test preparation materials. Furthermore, students have access to the University of Washington (UW) libraries and materials, thus providing a great spot for studying. These libraries are within a 5-minute walk from the Kaplan Aspect School. Finally, the University District branch of the Seattle Public Library is available for use by Kaplan Aspect students. The library includes free internet access as well as book loans.

### Student Lounge

There are three different student lounges that are equipped with vending machines, refrigerators and microwaves. The main lounge also offers comfortable couches and a TV, which makes it the ideal spot for students to relax after class. All lounges are open to students during the regular school hours.

### Cafeteria

Because Kaplan Aspect is in the heart of the bustling U-District, there are countless affordable restaurants nearby which serve various international cuisines.

### Sports facilities

The campus at the University of Washington has many public sports facilities, such as canoe and kayak rentals, that students can take advantage of. Also, within a short walk from the school, there is Ravenna Park, which is an ideal spot for outdoor activities such as soccer or frisbee.

### Gym facilities

The University District of Seattle has several gyms where students can become members. The YMCA and University Fitness are just 2 options.

### Activities/Social Programme

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



Computer lab



Kaplan Aspect classroom

## Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the Kaplan Aspect School, which is located at 4216 University Way NE at 10am. 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 Aspect will collect all the required documentation listed below. Afterwards, you will also be given a tour of Kaplan Aspect'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, Kaplan Aspect will also provide you with pizza for lunch and several activities to help you get to know your fellow students.

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (Green piece or white of paper you will receive upon arrival to the USA)
- USD 40 book deposit
- I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility), if required
- Proof of health insurance, (if you did not purchase Kaplan Aspect insurance)
- Your address in the USA
- Course Payment/Voucher, if available
- All your Kaplan Aspect documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.

At the end of the day you will receive information about your class schedule, elective courses, and the hours you are to attend class.

## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

Buses to most areas in Seattle are available within a few minutes walk of the school. Trains to Vancouver, Canada and Portland (both approx. 4 hours) are available downtown, which is a 20 minute bus ride from the school.

### Banks and Post Office

A variety of banks are within a few blocks of the school and there is a post office on the same block.

### Restaurants and cafés

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

### Department stores and supermarkets

There are many shopping opportunities in the neighbourhood and in nearby downtown (20 minutes by bus) and the University Village Shopping Area (10 minutes by bus).

### Telephone and Internet Café

Telephone and Internet are available throughout the University District and on the University of Washington campus.

### Church / Mosque

There are Catholic and Lutheran churches nearby and a mosque is about 15 minutes from the school.



Seattle Lobby



Kaplan Aspect students



Kaplan Aspect Teacher with students



Seattle Lounge

## Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: [www.kaplanaspect.com](http://www.kaplanaspect.com)

### Week one

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Welcome new students!</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Shopping</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Movie night</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mariners baseball games</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Overnight trip to Whistler, Canada</b>

### Week two

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Canoeing</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Hiking Mt. Rainer</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Paintball</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Visit to Theatre</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Barbeque</b>

### Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD

Sandwich	\$ 5.00
Lunch	\$ 6.00-10.00
Hamburger	\$4.00
Meal in restaurant	\$5.00-10.00
Tea/Coffee	\$2.75
Tickets:	
Movie	\$9.50
Bus	\$1.75
Weekly metro pass or equivalent	\$18.00

## The Team

### Kaplan Aspect School Seattle



**Academic Manager:**  
**Tom Brown**  
 Tom will be helping you with all your questions about classes and academic goals. Tom has been with Kaplan Aspect since 1999 and also holds a Master's Degree in Teaching English as a Foreign Language. He has lived and studied in Egypt and has travelled through Mexico and Europe.

**Housing and Student Services Coordinator:**  
**Laura Savino**  
 Laura is in charge of student housing and activities. She will work hard to make sure that you are comfortable in your transition to America. Some housing options that she arranges for students are homestays, shared housing, and individual studios.



**English Program Manager:**  
**Emily Maki**  
 Emily is very knowledgeable on immigration matters and will be there to help you with any questions you have. She has lived in Spain and enjoys hiking. Emily enjoys helping students adjust to living in Seattle and making their stay more comfortable.



**International Student Advisor:**  
**Mark Horner**  
 Mark was an English teacher with Kaplan Aspect before becoming the International Student Advisor. As a former teacher, he is familiar with your classes and academic goals. Mark has lived in South America and Japan, and enjoys travelling whenever he can.

## Course Information

### Courses

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- TOEFL iBT and Academic English
- iGMAT/iGRE
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester

### Services

- University Placement

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Aspect transfers

Your arrival will be at the Seattle/Tacoma (Sea-Tac) International airport. A staff member or your host family will be waiting for you at the top of the escalator between baggage claim 7 and 8. They will be holding a sign with your name on it. Before your departure, you will receive a welcome packet confirming this information.

### Independent Transfers

To get to the Seattle Kaplan Aspect from the airport, take bus number 194 to downtown (4th Ave and Jackson) and then transfer to route number 71, 72 or 73 going to the University District. The bus route will take you directly to the Kaplan Aspect School at 4216 University Way NE. You can also pay for a cab from the airport to the school or to your accommodation.



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