

Kaplan International Center Boston

Welcome to Kaplan International Center Boston! Within minutes of Faneuil Hall, Boston's Waterfront, the Public Gardens, high-end shopping and world-class sports venues, we are ideally located in the center of Boston. Our center is at the crossroads of all major subway and bus lines making all parts of the city easily accessible. Students have access to modern facilities including computer labs, free internet and wireless access, and spacious classrooms. Our center also offers an extensive library of self-study materials such as TOEFL iBT practice exams, English language practice CDs and DVDs as well as a variety of academic workshops and graduate center practice tests.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Kaplan International Center Boston and are certain that you will enjoy your time with us. We offer a wide variety of courses, including outstanding university preparation classes, all led by experienced instructors. We also offer an exciting activities program, and of course the city of Boston with all its great attractions is at your fingertips. Join the many students who make Boston their home studying at world-famous universities near our center such as Harvard University, MIT, Boston University, Suffolk University and many others.

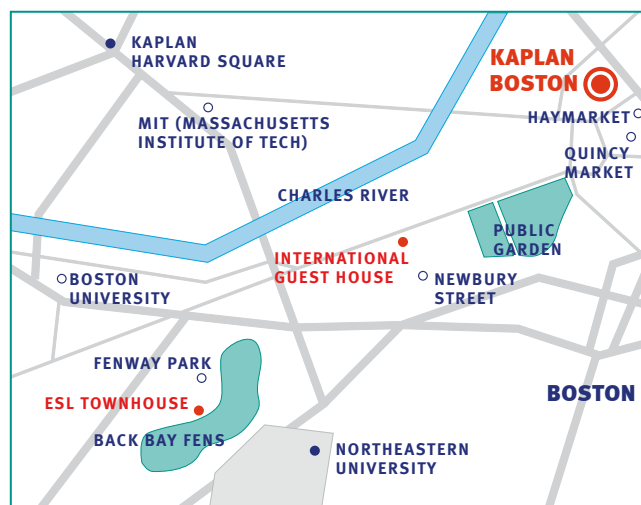
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Boston view



Kaplan International Center Boston
One Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114
USA

Center Facilities

Classrooms

We have 15 spacious and well equipped classrooms with access to multimedia equipment and other teaching resources.

Multimedia and IT center

Our center has two computer labs with over 20 computers and Internet access at designated stations, plus free wireless access throughout the center for all students. Computers in our larger media lab are equipped with ELLIS, the premier pronunciation software package for English language learners.

Library

We have a library with a variety of self-study materials designed to provide additional practice opportunities for students. Students can also borrow a wide selection of American movies to watch in our media lab.

Student Lounge

The student lounge has a microwave, refrigerators, and food and drink vending machines, along with tables looking out over Boston's North End. Couches and chairs are placed throughout the center for the convenience and comfort of the students.

Cafeteria

Students at Kaplan International Center Boston have a large variety of lunch options to choose from including Indian, Italian, Greek, Japanese, Mexican, Thai and American cuisine along with fresh bakeries and sandwich shops - all within a 5-10 minute walk from the center.

Sports facilities

The Boston Common is a 15-minute walk from the Kaplan Boston Center and invites students to play a game of baseball on the park's diamond, ice skate on the frog pond, play soccer on the greens or enjoy the park's beautiful walkways. Boston also has a large number of bicycle lanes, making the city easy to explore in many different ways.

Gym facilities

The Boston Sports Club is a 5-minute walk from the center. It houses two floors of workout equipment along with regular classes on yoga, pilates, spinning, and cardio. There are also a number of other sports clubs located throughout the city, offering instruction in Tai-Chi, kick boxing and many other sports.

Activities/Social Program

Students at the Kaplan Boston Center rave about our activities program, which includes something for all tastes. Among the most popular activities are an evening boat cruise, whale watching trips, soccer games, movie nights, and dinner at local restaurants. Other activities include trips to baseball, basketball, or hockey games, conversation clubs, and trips to different destinations in the Northeast.



Students in the classroom



Multimedia room

Your first day

On the first day of your course you will need to report to One Congress Street where the Kaplan Center is located. Orientation begins at 9:00 am but students should plan to arrive at 8:30 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 orientation, which will include:

Monday:

- Check-in and Breakfast
- Welcome/Introduction; Meet the staff
- Kaplan International Centers English Placement Test
- Activities and Center Tour
- F-1 Visa/Immigration Talk
- Academic Talk
- Housing Talk

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (given to you at US Immigration)
- USD \$40 book deposit
- Form I-20
- Proof of Health Insurance (if you did not purchase Kaplan International Centers insurance)
- Your local (Boston) address
- Pen and paper for note taking.

On your second day you will begin your classes after receiving information about your class schedule, teacher and study level. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English.

Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

The MBTA (commonly referred to as the "T") is the oldest subway system in America. The "T" encompasses the subway (green, red, blue, orange and silver lines), buses and commuter rail (larger, faster trains that travel above ground to the suburbs surrounding Boston). Daily subway rides are \$1.70 each way and buses are \$1.25. Students are encouraged to purchase a transportation pass (called a "Charlie Card") to travel around the city and to and from the Kaplan International Center. Prices vary. The MBTA's website (www.mbta.com) is a great resource for additional information about transportation in Boston.



Reception



Bus in Boston

Banks and Post Office

The closest bank is Bank of America which is a 5-minute walk from the center, followed by Sovereign Bank, Citibank and Citizen's Bank which are all a 7-minute walk from the center. The nearest post office is located on Hanover St. in the North End, a 5-minute walk from the center.

Restaurants and cafés

Dunkin' Donuts is right next door to the center and Starbucks is about 5 minutes away. The North End hosts Jake's Beantown Cafe, which is great for salads and Mike's Pastry for freshly made tiramisu or biscotti.

Department stores and supermarkets

One stop on the subway will put you in the heart of Boston's shopping district- Downtown Crossing. This area is perfect for bargain hunting. For higher priced fashion, students need only go a few more stops to the Prudential Mall and Copley Place Mall. Linked by a footbridge that spans busy Huntington Avenue, both malls host designer stores for a complete brand-name shopping experience.

Telephone and Internet Café

Close to the center both Jake's Beantown Cafe and Starbucks have wireless internet that students can connect to for a fee, and the Boston Public Library in the North End has computers with internet access.



Boston city

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Week one

- Monday** Welcome new students!
- Tuesday** Visit to the Museum of Science
- Wednesday** Movie night - IMAX Theater
- Thursday** Evening boat cruise
- Friday** Soccer games between students
- Saturday** Trip to Salem

Week two

- Monday** Cafe Conversation
- Tuesday** Free pizza party
- Wednesday** Shopping
- Thursday** Jazz concert
- Friday** Trip to Six Flags New England amusement park
- Saturday** Kayaking on the Charles River

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich	\$6
Lunch	\$7- \$10
Hamburger	\$5
Meal in restaurant	\$10 - \$25
Tea/Coffee	\$2.50
Tickets:	
Movie	\$10
Bus	\$1.25
Weekly T (subway or bus) pass	\$15
Monthly T (subway or bus) pass	\$59

Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

The nearest airport is Logan International Airport.

Where to wait for airport transportation pick-up?

There will be someone from New England Coach waiting for you in the baggage claim area. He/she will be holding a Kaplan sign.

New England Coach, 1-800-609-1402

What to do in case you cannot find the airport transportation company?

Go to the nearest Information Desk. If you have not made contact with the transportation company after 15 minutes, call the company toll free at:

+1-800-609-1402

If you're unable to reach anyone, call the Kaplan International Centers Emergency Contact number:

+1-800-278-1197 (Toll Free) or +1-916-535-1871

Independent Transfers

The distance from the airport to the center: 15 minutes (by pick up service), 30 minutes (by public transportation).

Please note that Kaplan International Centers staff are not at the center on weekends. If you need assistance, please call one of the emergency contact numbers.



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