

# Kaplan International Center Highline Community College

Kaplan International Center is located on the campus of Highline Community College (HCC) in scenic Des Moines, Washington. Located just 18 miles/30 minutes south of downtown Seattle, it is the perfect study environment; a quiet and safe campus overlooking the mountains and water, but easy to get to the excitement of Seattle by public bus or car.

Studying English on the Highline campus offers you a unique study experience. You will have the access to all of the campus resources, including over 50 student clubs and sports, and a student union with two dining options. These are priceless opportunities to meet other students from the United States and across the world. The college environment will inspire you to excel at language study and sharpen your English skills.

If you are interested in pursuing a college degree, the close relationship between Kaplan and Highline Community College makes it very easy to transfer to the college. Upon completion of the Kaplan English Program Higher-Intermediate level, students can transfer without taking the TOEFL. We also offer a Foundation program that offers simultaneous study at both Kaplan and Highline at a highly discounted price.

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



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



Highline Community College



Kaplan International Center Highline Community College  
2400 South 240th Street, building 25 (library)  
5th Floor  
Des Moines, WA 98198

## Center Facilities

### Classrooms

Kaplan uses the same classrooms as the college, so you might have a travel and tourism, computer science, history of rock and roll, or speech class next door. Each classroom is equipped with a DVD/Video player and monitor.

### Multimedia and IT center

Highline has over 1,500 computers available for student use, and free wireless internet access in the student center and library. There are also special computers available for movie editing or scanning, and computers with international keyboards. The Kaplan TOEFL lab is reserved for language study, and includes Listening and Speaking software and monthly TOEFL sample tests.

### Library

There is a library with over 100,000 books, DVDs and CDs that Kaplan students can use. There is also a dedicated Kaplan library for English learners, including information on colleges, universities, and job skills.

### Student area

Highline Community College has a high-tech student union building with free wireless internet, game and study rooms and a cafeteria and coffee bistro.

### Cafeteria

The Student Union building offers a full breakfast and lunch café, and a pizza/coffee bistro.

### Sports facilities

There is a fitness center on the campus of HCC with weight machines, treadmills, ellipticals, bikes and free weights.

### Gym facilities

Kaplan students have access to the campus gymnasium during limited free hours.

### Activities/Social Program

There are many varied activities scheduled every day at the center or in the surrounding community.



Highline Campus



Kaplan classroom

## Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to Kaplan at 2400 South 240th Street, Des Moines at 10 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:

- Welcome new students
- A placement testing
- Student visa information
- Campus tour or Housing Representative meet and greet

### Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (given to you at US Immigration)
- I-20 form (if you have an F-1 visa)
- Proof of health insurance
- your USA address
- Course payment/voucher, if available
- All Kaplan documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.
- USD \$40 book deposit

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.

## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

While travelling around Des Moines and to Seattle, students will typically use the Seattle Metro Bus system. It takes about 1 hour to get to downtown Seattle by bus and costs \$1.50. Trains and ferries in downtown Seattle are available for trips to Canada and areas around Washington. There are bus stops on the HCC campus to downtown Des Moines and to downtown Seattle.

### Banks and Post Office

There are banks and post offices within a 5-minute walk of the campus and our dorm and apartment housing. Banks include Bank of America, Washington Mutual, and Key Bank.

### Restaurants and cafés

Highline has a new high-tech Student Union Building with two dining options: a breakfast and lunch cafeteria, and all-day coffee bistro with fresh pizza. There are many tables for students to sit at if they bring their own lunch from home. Many restaurants are within a 5-10 minute walk of the campus.

### Department stores and supermarkets

Highline is a 15-minute bus ride from two shopping centers where there is an extensive range of shops and movie theaters. American and Asian supermarkets are located close to the Kaplan accommodation and a small Halal grocery is located 15 minutes away by bus.

### Telephone and Internet Café

There are pay phones in the HCC Library. A phone card is needed for long distance calls. There is also free wireless Internet access in the library and student center.



Kaplan students



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Class in progress



Kaplan center

### Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich	\$5
Lunch	\$8
Hamburger	\$1 to \$3
Meal in restaurant	\$15
Tea/Coffee	\$2.50
Tickets:	
Movie	\$9
Bus	\$1.50
Weekly metro pass or equivalent	\$25

### Sample Activities Schedule

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

#### Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	Movie night
Wednesday	Gourmet chocolate tasting
Thursday	Kit and Yoko's Chinese lunch
Friday	Free BBQ at the beach

#### Week two

Monday	Movie night
Tuesday	International coffee break
Wednesday	Summer nights at Lakewold
Thursday	Uncle Sam's 2-day bike tour

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Transfers

Students attending Kaplan at Highline Community College should fly into SeaTac Airport (SEA), which is located approximately 5 miles from the center. If you have paid for Transfer Service, please follow these steps upon arrival:

1. Go through U.S. Customs
2. Take the train to the Main Terminal
3. Take the escalator to the International Baggage Claim (Baggage Claim #1)

#### IF YOU ARE STAYING IN A HOMESTAY:

Please go to Baggage Claim #1. Your host, or a representative from A&P Towncar, will be waiting for you at the BAGGAGE CLAIM. They will be holding a sign with your name on it in English. Please look for your name. Please do not leave this area.

#### IF YOU ARE STAYING IN A STUDENT RESIDENCE:

Please collect your baggage and go to Door 4, near the International Baggage Claim, and go OUTSIDE. There will be a representative from the residence waiting outside holding a sign with your name on it in English. Please look for your name. Please do not leave this area.

In case of emergency, if your flight has been delayed or if you cannot find the representative please call Kaplan Highline's Emergency number:

**1-866-565-5602.**

We will confirm your pick up 3 days before arrival.

### Independent Transfers

If you are interested in your own transportation, consider a taxi (\$15) or public bus (\$1.25 to 1.50 depending on time of day).



Kaplan students in the snow