

Kaplan International Center Illinois Institute of Technology

The Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) campus is famous for its cutting-edge architecture including buildings designed by Mies Van der Rohe. Students have access to the Galvin Library, Keating Sports Center and Recreation Center.

Chicago, located on Lake Michigan, is the third largest city in the USA. It is known for its impressive collections of modern architecture and excellent museums and theatres. It also has a great selection of music clubs and cafés which make it very popular with international language students.

Kaplan International Center IIT is located on the Illinois Institute of Technology campus, which is just a short train ride from downtown Chicago. Students have full use of IIT's facilities including access to the Galvin Library, Keating Sports Center and Recreation Center. IIT is a private, PhD granting university, with programs in engineering, science, psychology, architecture, business, design and law. The Kaplan center is located on IIT's urban campus in a modern building tower.



Kaplan International Center Chicago on the campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology



Kaplan International Center at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago
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USA

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).

Center Facilities

Classrooms

There are 10 classrooms at Kaplan International Center IIT which are intimate and sunlit.

Multimedia and IT center

A computer room is available for students' use.

Library

Kaplan International Center students have access to the extensive IIT library.

Student Lounge

There are student lounges in the center, in the dormitories and in the architecturally renowned union building, which is large enough for all students and guests. All of the lounges are furnished with chairs and sofas.

Cafeteria

The cafeteria is surrounded by windows with a view, and seats over 300 students. The cafeteria is located in the student union. Vending machines are also located throughout the campus.

Sports facilities

There are playing fields, basketball courts, a football field, a swimming pool and a running track available for students to use.

Gym facilities

A fitness center with general gym equipment, a pool and weights is available for students to use.

Activities/Social Program

Chicago provides visitors with many big-city recreational opportunities. Watch the famous Chicago Bulls basketball team or stroll the shores of Lake Michigan. Chicago's cultural scene is packed with hundreds of shows, exhibits, festivals and special events including a Frank Lloyd Wright architectural tour.



Kaplan International Center Multimedia room



Kaplan International Center classroom

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to 3424 S.State, Suite 301 (3rd floor) at 8.30 am (Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a Kaplan 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 placement test to determine your course level
- Information about your classes
- An overview of center activities and excursions
- A tour of the center, including Kaplan International Center facilities as well as all campus facilities available to Kaplan International Center students
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments

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
- \$100 residence deposit (if applicable)
- All your Kaplan International Center documents
- \$40 USD book deposit
- Pen and paper for note-taking purposes

On the first 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

It will take you 20 minutes by bus or 10 minutes by train to get to downtown Chicago. The buses and trains depart every 10 - 15 minutes. The train station is located across the road from Kaplan International Center IIT.

Banks and Post Office

There is a post office mailroom on campus. There are also ATMs on campus and many other major banks located in Chicago.

Restaurants and cafés

Chicago is famous for its diverse and unique cuisines. You can find almost any type of food imaginable amongst the various city neighborhoods.

Department stores and supermarkets

Both shopping and supermarkets are plentiful throughout the greater Chicago area.

Telephone and Internet Café

Pay phones are located on the campus. The campus has wireless internet access.



IIT campus



Beach volleyball court on campus



One of the campus common rooms



Sky train from the McCormick Tribune Campus Center

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich: \$6
Hamburger: \$6

Meal in Restaurant:
Dinner \$30-\$40
Lunch \$10-\$20
Tea/Coffee: \$3.00

Tickets:
Movie: \$10
CTA Bus: \$2.25
CTA Train \$2.25
CTA Transfer \$0.25

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Week one

Monday Welcome new students!
Tuesday An adventure up Sears Tower and Millennium Park
Wednesday Volleyball
Thursday Watch a professional baseball game
Friday Music in Grant Park
Saturday Maxwell Street Flea Market

Week two

Monday Movie at the Pier
Tuesday Visit to the Art Institute
Wednesday Volleyball match
Thursday Disco night
Friday Six Flags

Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

Students may arrive at O'Hare International Airport or Midway Domestic Airport.

For O'Hare flights arriving at the International Terminal:

After going through Customs and Immigration, exit door A or B to the main lobby. Meet your greeter in front of the FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE booth. He/she will have a Kaplan sign.

For O'Hare flights arriving at the Domestic Terminal:

After arriving at the airport, proceed to the baggage claim. Look for your greeter who will have a Kaplan sign. Your greeter will show you to your transportation. For Midway Airport arrivals Kaplan will send you alternative instructions

If you need help, or have an emergency please call the emergency phone number: +1 312-560-0908. This call will cost US \$0.50 at a public phone.

Independent Transfers

Taxis may be taken to the homestay or to the dorms. The ride will take about 30 to 40 minutes, and cost approximately \$40-45 (+ 10-15% gratuity). Subways depart from both airports and will bring the student very close to the campus.

To get to the center:

From O'Hare Airport: take the Blue Line train, transfer to the Green Line at the Clark/Lake station (heading south to 63rd/Ashland), exit at the IIT/Bronzeville stop.

From Midway Airport: take the Orange Line train, transfer to the Green Line at Roosevelt (heading south to 95th) exit at IIT/Bronzeville stop.

If there are any other changes to the your arrival or if you have any problems, you should contact the center at +1 312-560-0908, and be prepared to tell them your name, the center name (Kaplan IIT) and location.



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