

Kaplan International Center Irvine Valley College

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Irvine Valley College (IVC) Kaplan International Center and we are sure that you will enjoy your studies and your stay in Orange County. Kaplan International Center 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 in the Greater Los Angeles area, 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 programs 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 International Center IVC, students can take classes at Irvine Valley College, as long as they place into the Upper-Intermediate level or higher.

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).



Irvine Valley College campus



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5500 Irvine Center Drive
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USA

Center Facilities

Classrooms

Kaplan International Center IVC has large classrooms with built-in multimedia systems. The system includes an overhead projector, a large pull-down screen, and a computer with DVD drive. Kaplan International Center IVC maintains class sizes of 15 students or less. Kaplan has access to other classrooms that also have the built in multimedia systems.

Multimedia and IT center

Kaplan International Center IVC has a on-site computer lab with email and Internet access for students. These computers may be used by both individual students and also for classroom activities.

Library

All Kaplan 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, table tennis, and chairs. In the second room, there is a large television and couches.

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. Kaplan students receive a 10% discount.

Sports facilities

Kaplan 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 International Center IVC and can be reached by bus or bike

Activities/social program

Kaplan International Center IVC offers students a wide selection of outdoor activities to choose from. Dancing, Tae Kwon Do, bowling and basketball are some of the more popular organized activities. Students also enjoy beach bonfires, movies, shopping and trying out new restaurants.



Irvine Valley College classroom



Kaplan International Center students

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to Kaplan International Center IVC which is located on 5500 Irvine Center Drive at 9 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:

- Ice Breaker, Staff Introductions
- Campus Tour
- Placement test
- Lunch (provided by Kaplan International Centers)
- Student Visa Information, Enrollment Agreement, Academic Information

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (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 general class schedule 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 International Center 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 Center.

Banks and Post Office

There is a cash machine in Irvine Valley College's Student Services center. The nearest bank and post office are conveniently located a mile from the center. 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 centers close to the center. Most centers have bookstores, shops, movie theatres and supermarkets.



Kaplan students



Southern California coastline



Kaplan students at a football game



Taking advantage of the tennis courts on the college campus

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich	\$5.50
Lunch	\$8.50
Hamburger	\$5
Meal in restaurant (depending on the restaurant) approximately	\$10 +
Tea/Coffee	\$2.50
Tickets:	
Movie	\$10
Bus	\$1.25 (single fare) \$62 (30 day pass)

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Week one

Monday	Matinee movie
Tuesday	Bowling at Irvine Lanes
Wednesday	Coffee conversation
Thursday	Basketball
Friday	Potluck

Week two

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

Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

The airport transportation representative will meet you at your destination airport (LAX). He or she will be holding a Kaplan sign 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