

Kaplan International Center New York - Midtown

New York City offers a wealth of opportunities to its residents and visitors. With more than 80 world-class museums, 150 on and off-Broadway theatres, 30 concert halls and countless shops, restaurants and bars, it's no wonder New York is one of the world's most popular study-travel destinations. Whatever you like to do, you'll be amazed by the variety of activities you'll find in New York City.

Our Manhattan international center is a beautiful, 6-storey building located in the heart of Midtown Manhattan - just steps away from everything that makes New York, New York. Carnegie Hall, the Theater District (Broadway), Rockefeller Center and Central Park are all within a 10 minute walk from our front door! Even better, we're less than a 5-minute walk from four of the five major subway lines that can take you to your accommodation, and every place in the city you'll want to visit.



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Kaplan International Center Midtown
131 West 56th Street
New York, NY 10019
USA

Center Facilities

Classrooms

The Manhattan International Center has 22 classrooms for group classes and two additional small-group/private tutoring rooms. All of our classrooms are clean and spacious with plenty of room for our students to spread out. The classrooms are equipped with tables and chairs – ideal for group and pair work exercises. Each room has access to audio/visual equipment.

Multimedia and IT center

In addition to our 2 computer labs, with more than 60 computers for student use, we have internet kiosks on the sixth floor and free, wireless internet access throughout the building. We also have two quiet study libraries with workspaces and TV/DVD players.

Library

Our lending library has a wide variety of textbooks, dictionaries, specific-skill texts and reference materials for students to use for additional practice. We also have multimedia materials (CDs, DVDs and CD ROMs) for students to borrow and use during their structured study hours.

Student Lounge

We have an enormous student lounge on the third floor that seats more than 50 people comfortably. Here you'll find public telephones, vending machines and microwave ovens. In addition, each floor has a small lounge area with comfortable chairs and small tables. We also have a prayer/meditation room on the sixth floor for those wishing to observe quiet times throughout the day.

Cafeteria

While there is no on-site cafeteria, within steps of the center there is a variety of restaurants from fast food and deli to fine dining.

Sports facilities

Sports such as running, soccer, baseball and kayaking are all available nearby.

Gym facilities

Students can join a local gym located across the street and locations at or near their residence or homestay.

Activities/Social Program

While it doesn't take much imagination to keep yourself busy in New York during the time you're not studying, Kaplan International Center Midtown provides a varied calendar of activities to fill your days. With workshops, parties, walking tours, museum trips, sporting events, Broadway shows and more, you'll discover parts of New York you didn't even know existed! These activities are lead by a member of the Kaplan staff and will help you to meet new people and discover the city.



Midtown classroom



New York skyline

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the Kaplan center which is located at 131 West 56th Street, at 9:00 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:

- Welcome Breakfast/Speaking Test
- Staff Introductions
- Placement Test (Selection from the TOEIC Exam)
- F-1 Orientation
- Housing Orientation
- Academic Orientation & Materials Distribution

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (a piece 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
- Your address in the USA
- Course Payment/Voucher, if available
- All of your Kaplan documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.
- Passport-sized photo

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

Most of the major New York City Subway lines have stops very near the Kaplan International Center Midtown location. The Yellow line (N,R,W and Q trains), the Blue line (A,C and E trains), the Orange line (B, D, F and V trains) and the Red line (1,2 and 3 trains) are all within a few blocks from the center. In addition, the New York City Bus System has stops throughout the city stopping just steps from the center's front door.

Banks and Post Office

There are several banks within three blocks of the center. The closest post office is just 4 blocks away at 52nd street and 8th avenue.

Restaurants and cafés

Just outside the entrance of the center you'll find many restaurants – from the inexpensive Burger Joint (located in the lobby of Le Parker Meridien Hotel) to the Carnegie Deli to the Russian Tea Room.

Department stores and supermarkets

The Time Warner Center (a high-end shopping center) is just a 5-minute walk from the Midtown center. You could visit Armani, Benetton, Coach and Tourneau or have a sandwich at the Whole Foods Market (a grocery store with some of the freshest produce in the city).

Telephone and Internet Café

The Midtown center offers students free wireless internet throughout the facility, with payphones available on the third floor to make both local and international calls (phone card for international).



Around Midtown



Midtown reception area



New York skyline



Pizza party

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich	\$6-\$8
Lunch at a deli (take-away) or low-end restaurant/diner	\$12-\$15
Lunch at a moderate restaurant	\$25-\$30
Hamburger	\$6.50
Tea/Coffee	\$2.50
at a high-end coffee shop	\$4-\$5
Tickets:	
Movie	\$12
Bus/Subway	\$2.25 each way
Weekly Transit Pass (unlimited-ride MetroCard)	\$27
Monthly Transit Pass (unlimited-ride MetroCard)	\$89

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	Sing along to Broadway hits in Bryant Park
Wednesday	Visit the Statue of Liberty
Thursday	A night out on the town
Friday	Happy hour with Kaplan
Saturday	Boston weekend

Week two

Monday	Movie at the pier
Tuesday	Visit to the maritime museum
Wednesday	Volleyball match
Thursday	Disco night
Friday	3-day trip to Niagara Falls

Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

Kaplan can arrange a comfortable and stress-free transfer from any of the three area airports to anywhere in the city you'll be staying - whether you've chosen Kaplan housing or not.

Most students choose to fly in to John F. Kennedy International airport (JFK), but we will also arrange transfers from Fiorello LaGuardia Airport (LGA) and Newark International Airport (EWR). Your driver will greet you outside the baggage claim area in the airport holding a Kaplan sign. All details of your transfer will be confirmed and your confirmation number will be provided to you after you've provided us with your flight details. We can also arrange a transfer back to the airport when you have to return home.

Independent Transfers

If you choose not to use the Kaplan transfer service, the famous New York "Yellow Taxis" are always available. In the airport, you can simply follow the signs pointing you in the direction of "Ground Transportation" to an outdoor waiting area where you'll wait in line for the next available car. The cost for a taxi from JFK is a flat fee to anywhere in New York City, so don't be alarmed if the driver doesn't turn on the meter. From LaGuardia and Newark airports, however, the driver should use the meter.

A shuttle and bus service is also available at each airport and specific information about these services is available at the Ground Transportation waiting area.



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Central Park