

# Kaplan International Center San Francisco

Welcome to Kaplan International Center in San Francisco. The new, state-of-the-art center has a vibrant and lively atmosphere, a comprehensive range of Kaplan courses, first-class learning facilities and is in a great location in downtown San Francisco.

San Francisco is one of the world's most beautiful and sophisticated cities. Silicon Valley, Pacific Heights, Victorian mansions and modern surroundings all make San Francisco a year-round destination for tourists. With a population of 700,000 and more than 5 million in the whole Bay Area, San Francisco is a lively and open-minded city which is very popular with international students.

The center is located on the first and second floor of a historic building in the heart of San Francisco. Between the financial and commercial areas, the center is located on a two-block stretch of the premier student area of downtown San Francisco. Surrounded by Academy of Art and Golden Gate University, our students will feel comfortable walking to class with American university students.

The educational programs of Kaplan International Centers 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 NAFFSA (Association for International Educators).



San Francisco



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## Center Facilities

### Classrooms

All classrooms are equipped with multimedia equipment, whiteboards and can accommodate up to fifteen students.

### Multimedia and IT center

There are computers in the multimedia center along with a collection of learning software for students use. The multimedia center is a great place to utilize technology to maximize your learning.

### Library

We have an extensive library available for your use which stocks text books, self-study materials, magazines and some paperbacks.

### Cafeteria

There is no cafeteria on the premises, however just outside the center are many restaurants, cafes and stores.

### Gym facilities

Students can join a number of gym facilities that are within a five minute walking distance from the center. Gyms offer swimming pools, basketball courts and a number of exercise classes.

### Activities/Social Program

Kaplan plans a busy schedule of activities each month. Students may also purchase tickets to see the best center and professional teams in San Francisco playing basketball, baseball and football. There are weekend trips to Wine Country, Lake Tahoe, Los Angeles and Yosemite throughout the year as well. Other attractions in San Francisco include the famous Alcatraz Island, Golden Gate Bridge, Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf. There is so much to see and do in this beautiful city.



Kaplan center



Multimedia room

## Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the center by 9:30 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 introduction, which will include:**

- A welcome talk by the Center Director
- A placement test to determine the level of the course you require
- Information about your classes
- Information about the TOEFL and TOEIC exams
- Information about the center and area
- An overview of center activities and excursions
- A tour of the center
- 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
- USD \$40 book deposit
- All your Kaplan documents and a pen and paper for note-taking purposes.

On the second 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

Bus stops and metro link are one block from the center. The Bay Area Rapid Transit metro stop is two blocks away.

### Banks and post office

Banks are located less than a 10 minute walk from the center. A post office is located within 5 minutes walking distance of the center.

### Restaurants and cafes

A variety of restaurants and cafés are located less than 5 minutes walk away.

### Department stores and supermarkets

Department stores such as Macy's are within five blocks of the center. The closest supermarket is Bristol Farms which is approximately a 15-minute walk away.

### Telephone and internet cafe

There is a telephone that you can use at the center and public telephones are located on nearby streets. An internet cafe is located less than a block away. The center has free wireless internet access.



Golden Gate bridge



Students playing volleyball



Kaplan classroom



Kaplan students

### Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD

Sandwiches:	\$6.00
Salad bowl:	\$7.00
Hot meal:	\$8.00
Drinks:	\$2.00
Tickets	
Cinema:	\$10.00
Bus:	
One-way trip	\$1.50 - 4.00
1 month pass	\$45.00

### Sample Activities Schedule

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

#### Week one

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Welcome new students!</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Movie day</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bicycle trip over Golden Gate Bridge</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Visit the SF Moma</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Bowling evening</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Visit to Alcatraz</b>

#### Week two

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Picnic in Golden Gate Park</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Visit to the Cable Car Museum</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Tour of UC Berkeley</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Trip to the Exploratorium</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Tour of Haight Street</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Excursion to Los Angeles</b>

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan transfers

Students should fly to San Francisco International Airport (SFO) located about 30 minutes from San Francisco.

If you have paid for the Transfer Service (OEC), a Greeter holding a Kaplan sign with your name on it will meet you outside the Customs Hall exit (international flights), or at the baggage claim area (domestic flights).

You should look carefully for the greeter in both of these locations. If you do not see the greeter, you should go to the Information Desk and say “Page Roger with OEC”, and the greeter will come to find you.

If there are any problems, you should call the transfer service at 1-888-863-2482. You can also call the San Francisco Kaplan center office at 1-415-905-4350 and be prepared to tell them your name, location, and the problem you have encountered.

### Independent Transfers

- Super Shuttle – approximately \$17 (+ 10-15% gratuity)
- Taxi – approximately \$50 (+ 15% gratuity).
- BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) train – \$7 to downtown San Francisco area



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