

# Kaplan International Center Santa Barbara City College

Welcome to Kaplan International Center at Santa Barbara City College. Kaplan Santa Barbara has a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, a comprehensive range of Kaplan courses on offer, first class learning facilities and a great location on the oceanside campus of Santa Barbara City College.

Santa Barbara is known for its beautiful beaches, picturesque mountains, celebrities and friendly locals. Originally a frontier station and now a resort city (sometimes called "the American Riviera"), Santa Barbara is a year-round destination for tourists. With a population of 93,000 and a total of 400,000 in the surrounding areas, Santa Barbara is a relaxed and open-minded city which is very popular with international language students.

Santa Barbara City College is located right on the beach in a residential area of Santa Barbara called The Mesa. Kaplan is located in a modern, California-style building on the Santa Barbara City College campus. The center is only 5 minutes away from the downtown area of Santa Barbara.

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 NAFFSA (Association for International Educators).



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721 Cliff Drive  
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## Center Facilities

### Classrooms

There are 8 bright and airy classrooms. All classrooms can accommodate up to 15 students.

### Multimedia and IT center

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

### Library

Santa Barbara City College has an extensive library available for your use. The library stocks text books, self-study materials, magazines and some paperbacks.

### Cafeteria

There is a cafeteria, a small snack shop which is open until 8 pm and a few vending machines at the center.

### Sports facilities

Recreational facilities include tennis/basketball courts, athletic fields, a swimming pool and an all weather track. The Activities Coordinator can help with organizing outdoor sports events.

### Gym facilities

Students who have purchased the Life Fitness Membership card have access to a gym at the center.

### Activities/Social Program

Kaplan arranges a full schedule of excursions and activities that may include weekend trips to Las Vegas, San Francisco and Yosemite. There are also trips to Universal Studios, Disneyland and the local vineyards.



Kaplan multimedia room



SBCC library

## Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the center at 8:30 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 placement test to determine the level of the course you require
- Information about your classes
- An overview of center activities and excursions
- A tour of the college
- 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)
- Health Form
- 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

There are three bus stops located near the Kaplan center. There is a shuttle bus that operates between the Kaplan center and the main transit center in downtown Santa Barbara. The train station is located less than one mile away.

### Banks and Post Office

Banks are located close to the center, less than one mile away in downtown Santa Barbara. A post office is also located in downtown Santa Barbara.

### Restaurants and cafés

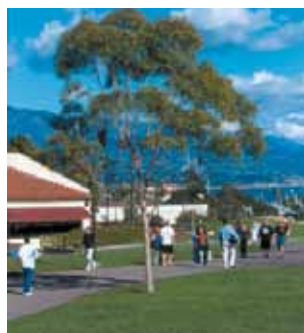
A variety of restaurants and cafés are located within 1 mile of the center.

### Department stores and supermarkets

Department stores and supermarkets are within a 2 minute bus ride of the center.

### Telephone and Internet Café

Pay phones are located throughout the campus for students to use. An internet Café is located a short distance from the campus and students can use the internet lab on campus between 7 am and 5 pm for email or internet use.



Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) campus



SBCC running track



SBCC patio



View from SBCC balcony

### Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwiches:	\$5.00
Salad bowl:	\$5.50
Hot meal:	\$8.00
Drinks:	\$2.00

Tickets	
Cinema:	\$8.00
Bus:	
One-way trip	\$1.25 (average price)

Kaplan students who enroll on the SBCC "Life Fitness Scheme" for \$130 per semester can ride public transport for free.

## Sample Activities Schedule

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

### Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	Beach barbecue at Leadbetter
Wednesday	Volleyball tournament at West Beach
Thursday	Boat party
Friday	Trip to Disneyland
Saturday	Trip to Yosemite National Park

### Week two

Monday	Dodgers game
Tuesday	Surfing at Leadbetter beach
Wednesday	Ultimate Frisbee tournament
Thursday	Surrey bike ride along the beach
Friday	Soccer tournament
Saturday	Los Angeles city tour

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Transfers

Students can either fly into Santa Barbara Airport (SBA), or to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The latter is located about 90 minutes from Santa Barbara.

If you have paid for the Transfer Service, a Greeter holding a Kaplan sign will meet you outside the Customs 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 ask the attendant to, "Page the Kaplan Airport Greeter," and the Greeter will come to find you.

If you have any flight changes, miss a connecting flight, or need help meeting the Transfer Service, you should call the center's emergency number at +1 805-966-1620 for help, and be prepared to tell them your name, center name (Kaplan Santa Barbara) and location.

### Independent Transfers

If arriving at Santa Barbara Airport, you can take a taxi to your homestay, for \$20- \$40. If arriving at Los Angeles International Airport, you can book the Santa Barbara Airbus ([www.sbairbus.com](http://www.sbairbus.com)) for \$42 one-way, and then take a taxi from the bus stop to your homestay (approximately \$20-\$40).



Santa Barbara City College campus



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