

Kaplan International Center Washington, DC

As the capital of United States, Washington, DC is a beautiful city with all of the cultural advantages of a major metropolitan area. We have excellent theaters such as the Kennedy Center, famous monuments, the Smithsonian Museum, and many prestigious universities. International students feel quite at home in Washington’s multicultural neighborhoods. We have a great mix of cultures and backgrounds in the people who come to this area to study, work and travel.

The Washington, DC Kaplan center offers first-class modern facilities with an extensive library of self-study material to be used in the center. The self-study material includes access to the center’s video lab with over 25 TVs and DVD players, and to the computer labs with over 40 computers with free Internet and WiFi access for international students. Additionally, the DC center has an English Language lab with computers for students to practice the TOEFL iBT.

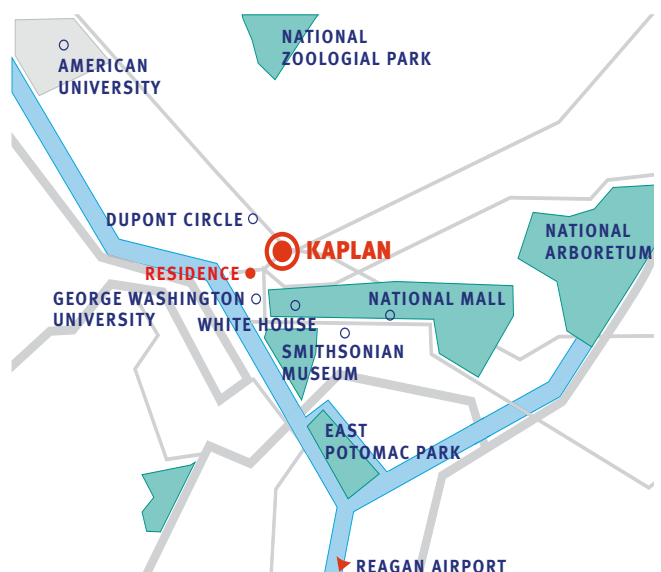


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Kaplan International Center Educational Programs in the USA are accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training.



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).



Kaplan International Center Washington, DC
2025 M Street
Washington, DC 20036
USA

Center Facilities

Classrooms

The Washington DC Kaplan center has 15 classrooms for group classes and 4 rooms for group study/tutoring. All classrooms are clean and spacious with plenty of room for students to spread out. The classrooms are equipped with tables and chairs – ideal for group and pair work exercises. The center also has a state of the art auditorium.

Multimedia and IT Center

There are 40 computers for student use in the Kaplan center. There is also free Internet and WiFi access for international students.

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

Microwaves, vending machines and tables are available in the student lounge, which is open during regular center hours. There is also a rooftop patio with deck tables and chairs and a shaded seating area.

Cafeteria

Students have access to microwaves and vending machines in the student lounge and there are seating areas for eating.

Sports facilities

Washington Sports Club - 1835 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Francis Park - 24th and N Streets, NW (basketball courts, volleyball, and an outdoor swimming pool)
Stead Park - 1625 P Street, NW (basketball courts)
Dunbar Pool - 1301 New Jersey Avenue, NW (outdoor swimming pool)

Gym facilities

Bally Total Fitness - 2000 L Street, NW, #1B
Gold's Gym - 1120 20th St., NW

Activities/Social Program

Kaplan Washington, DC provides a lively calendar of activities to fill your days. With workshops, parties, walking tours, museum trips, sporting events, and more, you'll discover the best of Washington DC. These activities are lead by a member of the Kaplan staff and will help you to meet new people and discover the city.



Kaplan classroom



Computer facilities

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the Kaplan center, which is located at 2025 M Street, NW at 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:

- Welcome and Introduction
- Meet the staff and new classmates, Collect documents
- English placement exam
- New student orientation, Overview of Washington, DC & the Kaplan center, Academic orientation, F-1 student orientation, Housing orientation

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (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
- Passport photo for student ID
- Course Payment/Voucher, if available
- Payment for outstanding balances
- All your Kaplan documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.

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

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority offers transportation services by bus and rapid transit rail throughout the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland. Typical fares range from \$1.25 to \$3.90 for a one-way pass. The DC Center is serviced by the Red Line at the Dupont Circle Metro stop and by the Orange and Blue Lines at the Foggy Bottom Metro stop.

Banks and Post Office

Several regional and international banks are conveniently located within walking distance of the center.

Restaurants and cafés

There are numerous independent and national cafes and restaurants located around the center.

Department stores and supermarkets

The local Department Store is Macy's with locations at Metro Center and Pentagon City. Safeway, Giant, Trader Joe's, and Whole Foods grocery stores all have multiple supermarket locations in the District of Columbia.



Washington Monument



Library of Congress



Capitol building



White House

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich	\$7
Lunch	\$10
Meal in a restaurant	\$25
Tea/Coffee	\$1.75
Tickets:	
Movie	\$10
Bus	\$1.25
Metrobus Weekly Pass	\$11
7-Day Short Trip Pass	\$22
7-Day Fast Pass	\$32.50

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	Shopping
Wednesday	Movie night
Thursday	River boat cruises on the Potomac River
Friday	Major league baseball games

Week two

Monday	Barbeque night
Tuesday	Visit to coffee house
Wednesday	Shopping
Thursday	Visit to theater
Friday	Visit to local restaurants
Saturday	Festivals and celebrations at the National Mall

Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

Depending on your airport and flight, your driver will pick you up either in front of the row of telephones in the International Arrivals Terminal or at Baggage Claim. A confirmation of the meeting point, drop-off location and driver will be e-mailed to you before arrival. Your driver will be holding a Kaplan sign.

Independent Transfers

There are three airports that service the Metro Washington, DC area Dulles, National and BWI. Rates vary depending on distance to the drop-off location for most car and shuttle services.

Washington Flyer Taxi offers rates between \$51 and \$58 one-way to/from Dulles International Airport. Call 1-703-661-6655 to book a transfer.

Super Shuttle offers service between all three airports and points throughout the Washington, DC area. Rates are typically cheaper than taxis but the trip usually takes longer as it is a ride share service. Book online at www.supershuttle.com.

Washington Flyer Coach Service offers transfer from Dulles to the West Falls Church Metro Stop. This is a good option for those whose final destination is located close to a Metro stop. One-way fares are \$9. Visit www.washfly.com for more information.

You can take a MARC train from BWI to Washington DC's Union Station for \$4. Visit www.mtmaryland.com for more information.

Reagan National Airport is conveniently connected to Washington, DC by Metro.



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