

# Kaplan International Center Los Angeles - Westwood

The Kaplan International Center Los Angeles - Westwood provides modern facilities, a lounge for students to relax in, a computer lab and a friendly staff that is ready to assist you.

Westwood is a university district with lots of shops, movie theaters, restaurants, and museums, and is centrally located with easy access to Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, the exciting beaches of Santa Monica and Venice, and the world renowned campus of University of California Los Angeles (UCLA).

We encourage you to take full advantage of our excellent educational quality programs and the overall experience of studying and living in the United States. Many of the Westwood students use our University Placement Services and transfer to Santa Monica College, which has a high transfer rate to schools like UCLA and the University of Southern California (USC).

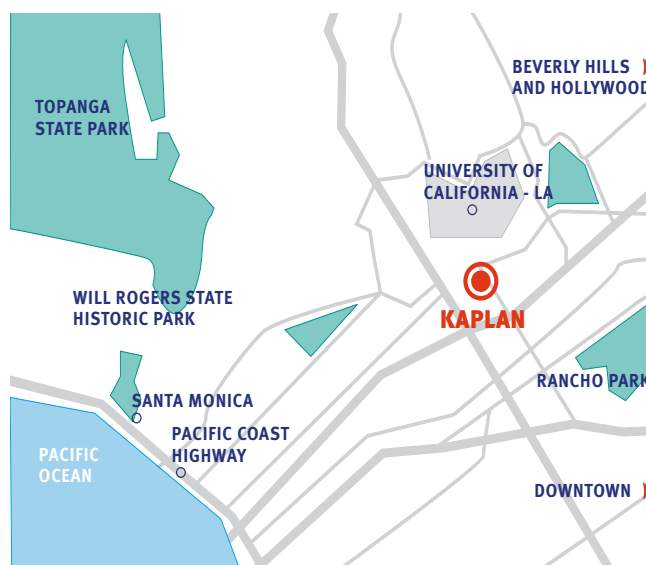


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Kaplan International Center - Westwood  
1133 Westwood Blvd. Suite 201  
Los Angeles, CA 90024  
USA

## Center Facilities

### New for 2010!

Kaplan International Center Westwood has completed a multi-million dollar renovation! There are several new, bright and comfortable classrooms, a new computer lab and a new student lounge to provide students with a modern learning environment.

### Classrooms

There are many comfortable, spacious classrooms at the Kaplan Westwood center. Several rooms are equipped with multimedia equipment.

### Multimedia and IT center

Kaplan International Center Westwood has a computer lab with 18 computers. TOEFL/GRE/GMAT students have access to a study room with multimedia equipment. The center also provides free wireless Internet service for laptop users.

### Library

A public library is located within walking distance from the Kaplan center.

### Student Lounge

Kaplan International Center Westwood has a student lounge with free wireless Internet. The student lounge is open during business hours.

### Cafeteria

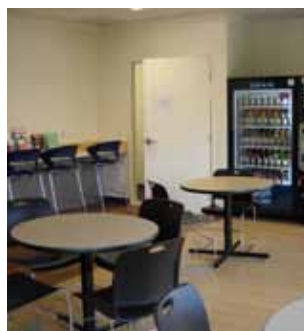
There are many fast food, mid-range and fine dining establishments surrounding the center.

### Gym facilities

24-Hour Fitness located across the street from the Kaplan International Center. The gym provides membership on a monthly basis.

### Activities/Social Program

The Kaplan staff organizes activities for students such as: baseball and basketball outings at the Dodger Stadium and Staples Center, weekend trips to Las Vegas, or to Disneyland and Universal Studios. You can socialize with other students during movie nights, restaurant outings, soccer games at the park or beach parties.



New student lounge



New computer lab

## Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the Kaplan center which is located at 1133 Westwood Blvd., Suite 201 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:

- Collect documents
- Details about your class schedule
- Tour of the Kaplan center and the neighborhood
- Orientation folders, enrollment agreements, student visa information
- Placement tests

### 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
- Course payment/voucher, if available
- All Kaplan documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.

The day before class starts, you will receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, elective course, and the hours you need to attend. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English.

## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

Westwood is a pedestrian district with easy access to local buses.

### Banks and Post Office

There are six major banks located minutes from the center. There are two post offices nearby - one located across the street and another located just 5 minutes from the center.

### Restaurants and cafes

Since Westwood is an entertainment and university district there is a variety of restaurants from fast food to fine dining. There are many affordable places to eat as well. There are several major coffee shops in the area.

### Department stores and supermarkets

There are two major supermarkets that are walking distance from the center. There are many boutiques within Westwood and there are major shopping malls with department stores included located 15 minutes by bus from the center.

### Telephone and Internet Cafe

Telephone cards, phone booths and internet access is available in the Westwood Village.



California coastline



Hollywood



Westwood students



Kaplan center courtyard

### Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (plus tax; subject to change)

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Sandwich           | \$6.00  |
| Lunch              | \$6.50  |
| Hamburger          | \$5.00  |
| Meal in restaurant | \$10.00 |
| Tea/Coffee         | \$2.50  |
| Tickets:           |         |
| Movie              | \$10.00 |
| Bus                | \$1.25  |
| Monthly metro pass | \$62.00 |

### Sample Activities Schedule

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

#### Week one

**Monday:** Welcome new students

**Tuesday:** Hollywood tour

**Wednesday:** Happy hour

**Thursday:** Movie Nights at local theaters

**Friday:** Weekend trips to Las Vegas, San Francisco, San Diego

#### Week two

**Monday:** Beach volleyball

**Tuesday:** Movie Night In

**Wednesday:** Dining Club

**Thursday:** Breakfast Day

**Friday:** Weekend trips to Disneyland, Sea World

## Transfer Information

### Transfers

If you have paid for our transfer service, a greeter will be waiting for you in one of two places at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX):

- 1) Outside of the Customs area exit: the greeter will wait here if you went through customs at LAX Airport.
- 2) Outside of the Baggage Claim area: The greeter will wait here if you already went through Customs in another US city before arriving on a connecting flight to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

Please look for a greeter holding a Kaplan sign outside of Customs or the Baggage Claim area.

You do not need to pay or tip the driver.

If your flight schedule has changed, if you missed your connecting flight, if you need help meeting the transfer service, or if you have any other emergency, please contact the center's emergency number:

**+1 (916) 962-6468**

### Independent Transfers

If you have not paid for the transfer service, you should take a taxi. A taxi to the center will cost approximately \$60 USD plus a tip for the driver (approximately 15% of the total fare).



Westwood Village



Los Angeles at night