

# Kaplan International Center Harvard Square

The city of Cambridge lies just across the Charles River from Boston and is home to two of the world’s most prestigious academic institutions: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Harvard University, the oldest university in the US. We are right in the heart of this prominent intellectual city, within walking distance of both Harvard and MIT. Our center offers up-to-the-minute facilities including a computer center, free internet access and spacious classrooms. Harvard square and it’s surrounding streets are lined with bookshops, boutiques and numerous open-air cafes where students can read, play chess or enjoy being entertained by visiting street performers.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Harvard Square center and we are sure that you will enjoy your studies in Cambridge. Students come to our center for the scholarly atmosphere of studying close to so many great institutions and for our intimate setting that allows the students to really connect with their teachers and staff. Students here also have access to an extensive library of structured study materials, which include practice TOEFL exams and ELLIS, the premier pronunciation software package for English language learners.

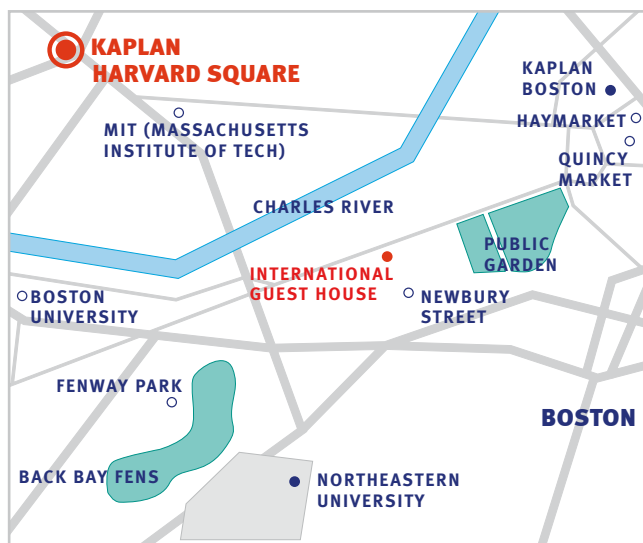
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Harvard Square



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## Center Facilities

### Classrooms

There are 12 spacious classrooms, with access to multimedia equipment.

### Multimedia and IT center

There is a computer lab and media lab with individual cubicles, some of which contain televisions, DVD players and headphones. The center offers free wireless internet access and 15 computer terminals. The multimedia center is an integral part of your learning.

### Student Lounge

The student lounge includes a refrigerator, microwave, tables and chairs. There are also two vending machines in the center and facilities for students to make hot drinks.

### Cafeteria

Kaplan International Center Harvard Square is surrounded by many cafés, eateries and parks and we are a short walking distance from many ethnic and American restaurants and diners.

### Sports facilities

There are numerous parks with basketball courts and tennis courts and students are able to play soccer on MIT's fields.

### Gym facilities

There are no gym facilities at Kaplan International Center Harvard Square, but there are 4 gyms within a 5 minute walk of the center that students can join at special student rates.

### Activities/Social Program

There is a wide choice of activities available to students that come to study at our Harvard Square center. Popular activities include weekend trips to New York City, ski resorts, beaches, outlet shopping malls, tours of Harvard University and MIT campus, tours of the Museum of Fine Arts, Institute of Contemporary Art, Museum of Science and New England Aquarium, free festivals, free lectures by MIT and Harvard professors and scholars, and outdoor concerts.



Student Lounge



Kaplan International Center  
Harvard Square Entrance

## Your first day

On the first day of your course you should arrive at the center at 9:15 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:

### Monday

9:30-10:00	Check-in (go over orientation papers)
10:00-10:15	Introduction and Center Tour
10:15-11:15	Kaplan International Center Placement Test
11:15 -11:30	Break
11:30 - 12:15	Academic Talk (receive books and schedules)
12:15-12:30	F-1 Visa Talk (governmental and Kaplan policies)
12:30-1:00	Activities and Housing Talk

### Tuesday

2:30-5:30	GRE/GMAT Orientation
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### Please bring with you to orientation:

- Your I-20 or your student (F-1) Visa
- Your Passport, with the I-94 card attached
- USD \$40 book deposit
- Your Course payment/voucher, if available
- Your US address
- Your Proof of Health Insurance (if you did not purchase Kaplan insurance)

## Local Information

### Transport - buses and trains

The Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) is an extensive transportation system that encompasses the majority of the Boston and Cambridge area. The Cambridge center is conveniently located one block away from the Harvard Square stop on the red line. From there, students can connect to Boston's Logan International Airport, and North and South Stations, which house the commuter rail trains that can take students as far as Providence, Rhode Island and to Northern Massachusetts.

### Banks and Post Office

There are banks located steps away from the center and the post office is directly across the street.

### Department stores and supermarkets

There are several department stores within walking distance including The Gap, Pearl's Arts and Crafts, Foot Locker, as well as Urban Outfitters, the Harvard Book Store, The COOP at MIT, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Newbury Comics, The Adidas Store, Crate and Barrel, CVS pharmacy, the Brattle St. movie theatre and the Kendall Sq. Cinema, and many small boutiques and independently owned stores.

Cambridge is world renowned for great local grocers with an assortment of fresh, organic foods at reasonable prices. There are two natural food supermarkets within a 5-minute walk from the center. Harvard Square also has a lively marketplace with an atmosphere wonderfully conducive to the art of shopping.

### Telephone and Internet Café

The Kaplan International Center provides students with wireless internet and nearby cafés and bookstores also have wireless internet capability.



Harvard College



Harvard College



Boston City

### Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich	\$5
Lunch	\$7- \$8
Hamburger	\$4
Meal in restaurant	\$10 - \$20
Tea/Coffee	\$1.50
Movie	\$8
Bus	\$1.25
Weekly MBTA (subway) pass	\$15
Monthly MBTA (subway) pass	\$59

## Sample Activities Schedule

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

### Week one

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Orientation</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Conversation Club</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Free Yoga Class at MIT</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Baseball Game</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Trip to Cape Cod</b>

### Week two

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Free Ice Cream trip</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Visit the Institute of Contemporary Art</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Movie Night</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Free Book Reading with an author at the Harvard Book Store</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Tour of Harvard University</b>

## Transfer Information

### Kaplan Transfers

#### Airport Transportation Company

The nearest airport is Logan International Airport.

#### Where to wait for airport transportation pick-up?

There will be someone from New England Coach waiting for you outside, after you have claimed your luggage. He/she will be holding a Kaplan sign.

#### What to do in case you cannot find the airport transportation company?

Go to the nearest Information Desk. If you have not made contact with the transportation company after 15 minutes, call the company toll free at:

**+1-800-609-1402**

If you're unable to reach anyone, call the Kaplan International Centers Emergency Contact number:

**+1-888-245-8377 (Toll Free) or +1-916-535-1746**

### Independent Transfers

The distance from the airport to the center: 15 minutes (by pick up service), 30 minutes (by public transportation).

New England Coach, 1-800-609-1402



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