

Kaplan International

San Francisco



Welcome to Kaplan International in San Francisco. This school makes it easy for you to learn English in a fun and comfortable environment. Classrooms are equipped with SMART Board® technology, allowing multimedia learning with sound, image and video. There is a student lounge where you can study or chat, and there are social activities after class each day. This makes it easy for you to practice your English and make new friends from around the world.

Kaplan International in San Francisco accommodates all English levels. There are courses varying in intensity, and TOEFL®, Business English, GRE® and GMAT® are also available. There is a Practical Business English program for students looking to have an experience in an American company. And there are University Placement Services that can assist students looking to pursue higher education in the US.

A major advantage of San Francisco is its great public transportation. Kaplan International San Francisco is located downtown and is easily accessible by bus and metro. After school and on the weekends, it's easy to access nightlife, shopping, tourist spots, and the bay area's natural beauty. San Francisco is a cultural center of the United States. It has mild weather year-round, amazing food, and stunning scenery. It is consistently one of the top destinations in the US for tourists and students. Kaplan San Francisco is located in a premier student area with Golden Gate University and Academy of Art University nearby. Additionally, the Museum of Modern Art, Ferry Building, Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf are just a walk or short ride away on the historic F-line.



Students exploring San Francisco



Kaplan International San Francisco
149 New Montgomery
San Francisco CA 94105
USA

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

Kaplan International is a member of TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and NAFSA (Association for International Educators).



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School Facilities

Classrooms

The school has 15 classrooms that are equipped with multimedia equipment, interactive whiteboards and can accommodate up to fifteen students each.

Multimedia

There are 20 computers in the multimedia center for students use. The multimedia center is a great place to utilize technology to maximize your learning.

Student Lounge

The school has a spacious student lounge and kitchenette, complete with a refrigerator, microwave, and filtered hot or cold water.

Library

There is a student lending library with novels, graded readers, and a variety of self-study materials.

Cafeteria

There is no cafeteria on the premises, however just outside the school are many restaurants, cafes and stores. Ask our staff for suggestions on where to eat. Enjoy your lunch in the student lounge which is equipped with a refrigerator, microwave, and cold or hot filtered water, as well as plenty of tables for studying, eating lunch, or relaxing.

Gym facilities

Students can join a number of gym facilities that are within a five minute walking distance from the school. 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 college and professional teams in San Francisco playing basketball, baseball and football. There are weekend trips led by our partner organization throughout the year to Wine Country, Lake Tahoe, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Yosemite. 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 International school



Multimedia room

Orientation Information

On the first day of your course please report to the Kaplan International San Francisco school.

Address: 149 New Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94105

Orientation schedule:

- English courses: 9:30 am
- iGMAT/iGRE courses: 2:30 pm

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 School Director
- A placement test to determine the level of the course you require
- Information about your classes
- Information about the school and area
- An overview of school activities and excursions
- A tour of the school
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport
- I-94 (if applicable)
- I-20 form (if you have an F-1 visa)
- All your Kaplan documents and a pen and paper for note-taking purposes.
- Proof of Health Insurance

At the end of the day you will receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, specific skills, and the hours you are to attend class. You will be assigned to the most appropriate class for your level of English.

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Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

The school is located at the center of San Francisco's excellent public transportation system. We are only 2 blocks from major bus, train and tram lines.

Banks

Banks are located less than a 5 minute walk from the school.

Restaurants and cafes

There is a huge variety of food options from all around the world available within steps of the school. Ask our staff for suggestions.

Department stores and supermarkets

We are close to the retail heart of the city, with many department stores, shopping malls, and all your favourite retail outlets within walking distance.

Telephone and internet

The school has wireless internet access and a computer lab. There are several companies offering very reasonable deals on cellphones and international calling cards within walking distance from the school.



Golden Gate bridge



Activities with Kaplan students



Kaplan classroom



Kaplan students at lounge

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwiches:	\$6.00
Salad bowl:	\$7.00
Hot meal:	\$8.00
Drinks:	\$2.00
Cinema:	\$10.00
Transportation:	
One-way bus trip	\$2.25
One month transport pass	\$70.00 - \$83.00

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	Movie day
Wednesday	Bicycle trip over Golden Gate Bridge
Thursday	Visit the San Francisco MOMA
Friday	Bowling evening

Week two

Monday	Picnic in Golden Gate Park
Tuesday	Visit to the Cable Car Museum
Wednesday	Tour of UC Berkeley
Thursday	Trip to the Exploratorium
Friday	Tour of Haight Street
Saturday & Sunday	Excursion through partner tour to Los Angeles

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, a Greeter holding a Kaplan sign with your name on it will meet you.

For international flights: please look for a sign labeled "Meeting Point" outside the Customs Hall exit.

For domestic flights: please meet your greeter in the baggage claim area.

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**. This is a free call and can be made from any public phone. You can also call Kaplan San Francisco's 24 hour phone number : **1-415-905-4350**

You should 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



Kaplan International reception