



Kaplan International Center

Portland

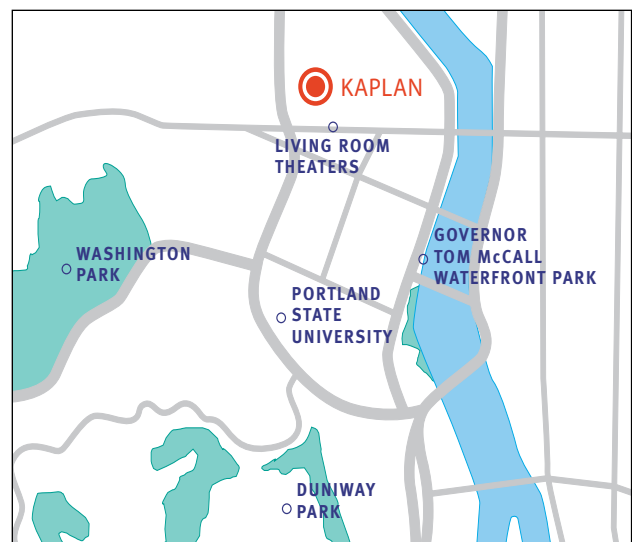


An excellent base from which to explore the great Pacific Northwest, Portland contains 100 years of the best in American architecture, including the world's first ever modern skyscraper. You will have no problem getting around this accessible city either on foot or with the easy-to-use transport system, which is free of charge throughout the 300-block central area known as the Free Rail Zone. For outdoor enthusiasts, Portland's huge Forest Park has many miles of hiking trails, and nearby Mount Hood offers North America's longest ski season.

Our Portland center is housed in a modern downtown building within walking distance of shops, restaurants, cinemas, theaters and museums. The center has large classrooms, a library and a student common room with a TV/DVD player. Students can also take advantage of free wireless internet and email access.



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Kaplan International Center Portland
323 NW 13th Ave
Suite 305
Portland, OR
97209

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



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Center Facilities

Classrooms

Kaplan International Center Portland has 7 classrooms.

Multimedia and IT Center

One computer lab with a total of 15 workstations is available for students. Entire classrooms are able to utilize the computer labs during academic activities. The range of software available for ESL students includes the ELLIS© pronunciation tool and TOEFL® practice exams. Kaplan also has wireless internet access that students can use for classroom and personal use. Finally, there are additional 3 computers available solely for the use of Internet and student email.

Library

Kaplan International Center Portland has a resource library that offers students access to movies, short stories and other fiction, listening tapes, grammar books, class textbooks, TOEFL®, TOEIC® and other test preparation materials. Furthermore, students have access to the Multnomah County Library materials. The central library is nearby (a 10 minute, free street car ride away). The library includes free Internet access as well as book loans, database access to periodicals, and study areas. Library cards are available to Kaplan students at no cost.

Student Lounge

There is one student lounge that is equipped with a refrigerator and a microwave. All Kaplan center areas are equipped with wireless internet. The lounge also offers a vending machine and comfortable couches, which makes it the ideal spot for students to relax after class. The lounge area is open to students during regular center hours.

Cafeteria

Because Kaplan is in the heart of the Pearl district in downtown Portland, there are many cafes and restaurants to choose from. Students can find international food booths nearby.

Sports facilities

The Portland downtown area features Waterfront Park, a 29-acre public park on the Willamette River. Hiking, cycling, and boating facilities are available. A short bus ride away are two more of Portland's public parks. Washington Park features a soccer field, tennis courts and hiking trails. Duniway Park has room for frisbee, soccer, and an outdoor track.

Gym facilities

Portland has several gyms available in the downtown area. 24 Hour Fitness and Riverplace Athletic Club are just two options.

Activities/Social Program

Beach trips, walking tours of Portland, Trailblazers basketball games, hiking, and skiing are just some of the great activities you can enjoy. These activities are led by a member of the Kaplan staff and will help you to meet new people and discover the city of Portland as well as other parts of the Pacific Northwest.



A classroom at Kaplan's Portland Center

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the Kaplan International Center, which is located at 323 NW 13th Ave, Portland, OR 97209, Floor 3, 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
- Lunch
- New student orientation, overview of Portland & the Kaplan center, academic orientation, F-1 student orientation and 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, specific skills, and the hours you are to attend class. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English.

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Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

Buses, trains and street cars to most areas of Portland are available within walking distance of the center. Trains to Seattle or Vancouver, Canada are available at the downtown station which is a short bus or street car ride from the center.

Banks and Post Office

A variety of banks are within a few blocks of the center and there is a post office five minutes from the center.

Restaurants and Cafés

There are many restaurants of all varieties right in downtown Portland. Food booths representing food from all over the world are nearby.

Department stores and supermarkets

There are many shopping opportunities all within walking distance of the center including the Pearl District, Pioneer Square, and a variety of department stores. Oregon has no sales tax, which makes shopping especially enjoyable!

Telephone and Internet Café

Public telephones can be found throughout the downtown area and wireless internet is widely available. Computer stations can be used at the nearby public library.



Enjoy the beautiful scenery in Oregon



Make new friends



Study in a sociable atmosphere



Portland theatre

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwich	\$5.00
Lunch	\$7.00 - \$10.00
Hamburger	\$5.00
Meal in a restaurant	\$10.00
Tea/Coffee	\$2.75

Tickets:

Movie	\$8.50
Bus	\$2.00
Metrobus Weekly Pass	\$20.00

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	Walking tour of downtown
Wednesday	Shopping
Thursday	Billiards and darts at a local brew pub
Friday	Overnight trip to the Oregon coast

Week two

Monday	Cooking Class
Tuesday	Movie Night
Wednesday	Trip to the theater
Thursday	Portland Trailblazers basketball
Friday	Barbecue



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Transfer Information

Kaplan Transfers

Your arrival will be at Portland International Airport (PDX). A staff member, shuttle service employee, or your host family will be waiting for you on the baggage claim level at carousel 10. They will be holding a Kaplan sign. Before your departure you will receive a welcome packet confirming this information.

Independent Transfers

To get to the Portland Kaplan center from the airport, take the MAX Red Line to City Center and Beaverton TC. Get off at the Galleria/ Library MAX station. Take the street car North for 3 stops and get off at NW 10th and Everett. Walk West to NW 13th Street and Everett. Our building is at 323 NW 13th Ave. Enter the building and take the elevator to the 3rd floor.



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