



Kaplan International Center

San Francisco



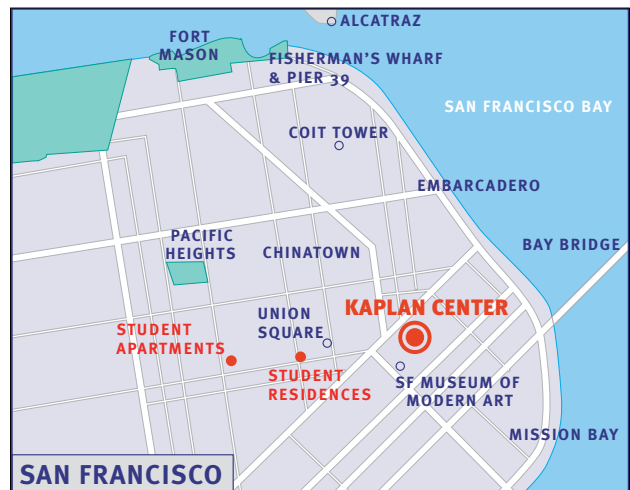
Welcome to Kaplan International Center in San Francisco. The new, state-of-the-art center has a vibrant and lively atmosphere, a comprehensive range of Kaplan courses, first-class learning facilities and is in a great location in downtown San Francisco.

San Francisco is one of the world's most beautiful and sophisticated cities. Famous for its amazing food, temperate weather, stunning scenery, and cultural variety, San Francisco is a year-round destination for tourists and students.

The center is located on the first and second floor of an historic and fully refurbished building in the heart of San Francisco. Between the financial and commercial areas, the center is located on a two-block stretch of the premier student area of downtown San Francisco, surrounded by Academy of Art and Golden Gate University. The Kaplan Center is only two blocks from San Francisco's central thoroughfare, Market Street, one block from the Museum of Modern Art and a short ride on the historic F tram from the Ferry Building, Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf.



View of San Francisco



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149 New Montgomery
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Center Facilities

Classrooms

All 15 classrooms are equipped with multimedia equipment, whiteboards and can accommodate up to fifteen students.

Multimedia

There are computers in the multimedia center along with a collection of learning software for students use. The multimedia center is a great place to utilize technology to maximize your learning.

Library

We have an extensive library available for your use which stocks text books, self-study materials, magazines and some paperbacks.

Cafeteria

There is no cafeteria on the premises, however just outside the center are many restaurants, cafes and stores.

Gym facilities

Students can join a number of gym facilities that are within a five minute walking distance from the center. 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 to Wine Country, Lake Tahoe, Los Angeles and Yosemite throughout the year as well. 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.



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Multimedia room

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the center by 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:

- A welcome talk by the Center Director
- A placement test to determine the level of the course you require
- Information about your classes
- Information about the center and area
- An overview of center activities and excursions
- A tour of the center
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments
- Study level
- Class schedule
- Elective assignments
- Classroom number
- The hours you are to attend class
- Specific skills

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (given to you at US Immigration)
- I-20 form (if you have an F-1 visa)
- Proof of health insurance
- USD \$40 book deposit
- All your Kaplan documents and a pen and paper for note-taking purposes.



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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 center.

Restaurants and cafes

There is a huge variety of food options from all around the world available within steps of the Center.

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 cafe

The school has wireless internet access, internet kiosks and a computer lab. There are several companies offering very reasonable deals on cellphones, and international calling cards are also available.



Golden Gate bridge



Students playing volley ball



Kaplan classroom



Kaplan students

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	\$2.00
One month transport pass	\$62.00 - \$72.00

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
Saturday	Visit to Alcatraz

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 to Los Angeles



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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 (OEC), a Greeter holding a Kaplan sign with your name on it will meet you outside the Customs Hall exit (international flights), or at the baggage claim area (domestic flights).

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. You can also call Kaplan San Francisco's 24 hour phone number : 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



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