

Kaplan International Center Whittier College

Welcome to Kaplan International Center Whittier College, Los Angeles. Here you will find a relaxed and friendly community atmosphere, a comprehensive range of courses, first-class learning facilities and a great location. Whittier offers small town charm along with many of the amenities of a metropolitan community. Whittier is located in Los Angeles County, about 20 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles and has a population of more than 85,000.

Whittier was founded in 1887 and is a city rich with traditions and history. The town's unique community spirit has helped to make it one of the most attractive and desirable residential and business locations in Southern California.

Founded in 1901, Whittier College has been recognized as one of the best small colleges in the USA. Whittier College is a selective, independent, four-year college that offers a nationally recognized liberal arts curriculum, a vibrant campus community and a strong academic tradition. Kaplan International Center Whittier was founded in 1989.



Whittier College campus

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



Kaplan International Centers is a member of AAIEP (American Association of Intensive English Programs), TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and NAESA (Association for International Educators).



Kaplan International Center at Whittier College
Redwood Hall
13509 Earlham Drive
Whittier, CA 90608
USA

Center Facilities

Classrooms

The Kaplan center has 10 comfortable classrooms. All are equipped with multimedia equipment.

Multimedia and IT center

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

Library

Kaplan International Center Whittier students have access to Whittier College's state-of-the-art-library and study halls located on campus.

Student Lounge

There is a common room for students to relax and socialize.

Cafeteria

There is a state of the art cafeteria on campus that seats up to 520 students. There are also vending machines on the premises.

Sports facilities

Tennis courts, basketball courts, a soccer field, a running track and a swimming pool are available on campus for student use. There is also an indoor basketball court, fitness center, dance room and racquetball court. On August 1, 2010, the swimming pool and tennis courts on campus will be closed for construction and expansion. The project should last for 12 months. During this time, we can direct students to public swimming pools nearby

Gym facilities

There is a fitness center available on campus for students' use.

Activities/Social Program

Whittier is a lively campus with many student clubs and activities which Kaplan International Center students are welcome to join. We plan a busy schedule of optional excursions and activities year-round including trips to Disneyland, Magic Mountain & Universal Studios. There are also tours of Los Angeles including Rodeo Drive and trips to Malibu, Venice Beach and Sea World in San Diego. Many on-campus activities are also offered.



Kaplan Multimedia Center



Kaplan Student Lounge

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the Kaplan International Center front office at 8:15 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:

- A Placement Test to determine the level of the course you require
- Information about your classes
- An overview of college activities and excursions
- A tour of the college
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments

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)
- Health form
- Proof of health insurance
- USD \$40 book deposit and USD \$100 residence housing deposit if required
- All Kaplan International Center documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.

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

Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

Kaplan International Center Whittier College is a short walk away from Whittier where you can catch buses to Los Angeles. The nearest rail station is 20 minutes by car and 45 minutes by bus from Whittier College.

Banks and Post Office

Banks are located within walking distance of Whittier College. There is a post office on the Whittier College campus.

Restaurants and cafés

A variety of restaurants are located within walking distance of the center. There are restaurants, bookstores, coffee shops, movie theaters and other businesses nearby.

Department stores and supermarkets

Department stores and supermarkets are located within walking distance of the center. There are also several department stores/malls within a short bus ride (30 minutes).

Telephone

Telephones are located near the dorms and around the campus.



Whittier College swimming pool



Whittier College Fitness Center



Whittier College cafeteria



Whittier College campus

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD (subject to change)

Sandwiches:	\$5.00
Pizza/pasta:	\$7.00
Hot meal:	\$8.00
Drinks:	\$2.00
Tickets	
Bus:	\$1.25 (average price one-way)
Metro:	\$17.00 (one week)
	\$70.00 (one month)

Sample Activities Schedule

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

Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	Trip to the beach
Wednesday	Ice cream social
Thursday	Movie night
Friday	Bowling evening
Saturday	Excursion to Magic Mountain

Week two

Monday	Movie at the center
Tuesday	Visit to uptown Whittier
Wednesday	Soccer match
Thursday	Disco night
Friday	3-day trip to San Francisco

Transfer Information

Transfers

Students should fly to the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), located about 45 minutes from the Whittier campus.

If the student has paid for the Transfer Service, a Greeter holding a Kaplan sign will meet them outside the Customs Hall exit (international flights) or at the Baggage Claim area (domestic flights).

The student should look carefully for the greeter in both of these locations. If they do not see the greeter, they should go to the Information Desk, call the center emergency number and wait for the Greeter. The Greeter will come to find them.

If the student has any flight changes, misses a connecting flight, or needs help meeting the Transfer Service, they should call the center's emergency number at **1-562-693-9023** for help, and be prepared to tell them their name, center name (Kaplan International Center Whittier) and location.

Independent Transfers

Super Shuttle – approximately \$45 (+ 18% gratuity)

Taxi – approximately \$70 (+ 15% gratuity)



Los Angeles at night