

Kaplan Aspect Illinois Institute of Technology

Welcome to Kaplan Aspect at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), Chicago. The Kaplan Aspect School has a dynamic and exciting atmosphere, a comprehensive range of courses on offer, first-class learning facilities and a great location on the campus of the prestigious Illinois Institute of Technology.

Chicago, located on Lake Michigan, is the third largest city in the USA. It is known for its impressive collections of modern architecture and excellent museums and theatres. It also has a great selection of music clubs and cafés which make it very popular with international language students.

Kaplan Aspect Chicago IIT is located on the Illinois Institute of Technology campus, which is just a short train ride from downtown Chicago. Students have full use of IIT's facilities including access to the Galvin Library, Keating Sports Center and Recreation Center. IIT is a private, PhD granting university, with programmes in engineering, science, psychology, architecture, business, design and law. Kaplan Aspect is located on IIT's urban campus in a modern building designed by Mies Van der Rohe.



Kaplan Aspect Chicago on the campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology



Kaplan Aspect at Illinois Institute of Technology,
Chicago
3424 South State Street
Chicago, IL 60616
USA

Kaplan Aspect Educational Programmes in the USA are accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training.



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

School Facilities

Classrooms

There are 10 classrooms at Kaplan Aspect IIT which are intimate and sunlit.

Multimedia and IT centre

A computer room is available for students' use.

Library

Kaplan Aspect students have full access to the extensive IIT library.

Student Lounge

There are student lounges in the dormitories and the architecturally renowned union building, which is large enough for all students and guests. All of the lounges are furnished with chairs and sofas.

Cafeteria

The cafeteria was redesigned by Rem Koolhaas in the spring of 2003. It is surrounded by windows with a view and seats over 300 students. The cafeteria is airy and is located in the student union. Vending machines are also located throughout the campus.

Sports facilities

There are playing fields, basketball courts, a football field, a swimming pool and a running track available for students to use.

Gym facilities

A fitness centre with general gym equipment, a pool and weights is available for students to use.

Activities/Social Programme

Chicago provides visitors with many big-city recreational opportunities. Watch the famous Chicago Bulls Basketball team or stroll the shores of Lake Michigan. Chicago's cultural scene is packed with hundreds of shows, exhibits, festivals and special events including a Frank Lloyd Wright architectural tour.



Kaplan Aspect Multimedia room



Kaplan Aspect classroom

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to 3424 S.State Suite 301 (3rd floor) at 8.45am (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 TOEFL and TOEIC exams
- Information about the school and area
- An overview of school activities and excursions
- A tour of the college, including Kaplan Aspect facilities as well as all campus facilities available to Kaplan Aspect students
- 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
 - \$100 residence deposit (if applicable)
 - All your Aspect documents, 50 USD book deposit. and a pen and paper for note-taking 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

It will take you 20 minutes by bus or 10 minutes by train to get to downtown Chicago. The buses and trains depart every 10 - 15 minutes. The train station is located across the road from Kaplan Aspect.

Banks and Post Office

There is a post office mailroom on campus. There are also ATMs on campus and many other major banks located in Chicago.

Restaurants and cafés

There are many restaurants and cafés located in the downtown Chicago area.

Department stores and supermarkets

Department stores and supermarkets are plentiful in downtown Chicago.

Telephone and Internet Café

Pay phones are located on the campus. The campus has wireless internet access.

Church / Mosque

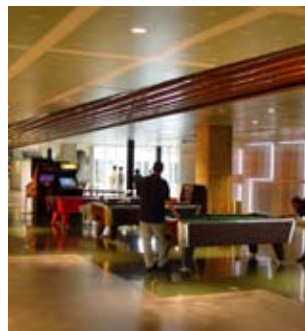
There are many different religious institutions including churches, Synagogues and mosques in Chicago.



IIT campus



Beach volleyball court on campus



One of the campus common rooms



Sky train from the McCormick Tribune Campus Center

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD

Sandwiches:	\$6.00
Hot meal:	\$7.00
Drinks:	\$2.00
Tickets	
Cinema:	\$9.00
Bus/train:	\$2.00 (one-way)
	\$20.00 (one week)
	\$75.00 (one month)

Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: www.kaplanaspect.com

Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	An adventure up Sears Tower and Millennium Park
Wednesday	Volleyball
Thursday	Watch a professional baseball game
Friday	Music in Grant Park
Saturday	Maxwell Street Flea Market

Week two

Monday	Movie at the pier
Tuesday	Visit to the Art Institute
Wednesday	Volleyball match
Thursday	Disco night
Friday	Six Flags

The Team

Kaplan Aspect at IIT



Director:
Norma Elliott
Norma is responsible for the general administration of the school in Chicago, including: immigration/SEVIS issues, extensions and payments.



Academic Director:
Sean Walker
As the Academic Director, Sean is in charge of the academic programme. As part of his duties he assists students with admission to colleges and universities in the USA. He also advises students on academic policy, class level changes, TOEFL exams and class scheduling.



Housing Coordinator:
Shira Enbar
Shira is responsible for placing students in homestays and residences during their stay in Chicago. Speak to Shira if you have any questions regarding your accommodation.

Course Information

Courses

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- TOEFL iBT and Academic English
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester

Services

- University Placement
- Internship

Transfer Information

Kaplan Aspect Transfers

Students may arrive at O'Hare International Airport or Midway Domestic Airport.

For O'Hare flights arriving at the International Terminal: After going through Customs and Immigration exit door A or B to the main lobby and turn right. Walk until you see McDonalds. McDonald's is a convenient place to meet your greeter who will have a sign with YOUR name and the KAPLAN ASPECT name on it.

For O'Hare flights arriving at the Domestic Terminal: After arriving at the airport, proceed to the baggage claim. Look for your greeter who will have a sign with YOUR NAME and the KAPLAN ASPECT name on it. Your greeter will show you to your transportation. For Midway Airport arrivals Kaplan Aspect will send you alternative instructions

If you need help, or have an emergency please call the Kaplan Aspect emergency phone on: 1.312.560.0908.
This call will cost US\$0.50 at a public phone.

Independent Transfers

Taxis may be taken to the homestay or to the dorms. The ride will take about 30 to 40 minutes, and cost approximately \$30-35 (+ 10-15% gratuity). Subways depart from both airports and will bring the student very close to the campus.

From O'Hare Airport: take the Blue Line train, transfer to the Green Line at the Clark/Lake station (head south 63rd/Ashland), exit at the IIT/Bronzeville stop.

From Midway Airport: take the Orange Line train, transfer to the Green Line at Roosevelt (head south, 95th) exit at IIT/Bronzeville stop.

If there are any other changes to the student's arrival or if they have any problems, they should contact the school at +1 312 560 0908, and be prepared to tell them their name, the school name (Kaplan Aspect Chicago) and location.



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