

Kaplan Aspect

New York - Midtown

New York City offers a wealth of opportunities to its residents and visitors. With more than 80 world-class museums, 150 on and off-Broadway theatres, 30 concert halls and countless shops, restaurants and bars, it's no wonder New York is one of the world's most popular study-travel destinations. Whatever you like to do, you'll be amazed by the variety of activities you'll find in New York City.

Our Manhattan international school is a beautiful, 6-storey building located in the heart of Midtown Manhattan - just steps away from everything that makes New York, New York. Carnegie Hall, the Theatre District (Broadway), Rockefeller Center and Central Park are all within a 10 minute walk from our front door! Even better, we're less than a 5-minute walk from four of the five major subway lines that can take you to your accommodation, and every place in the city you'll want to visit.



Kaplan Aspect Midtown School

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Kaplan Aspect Midtown
131 West 56th Street
New York
NY 10018
USA

School Facilities

Classrooms

The Manhattan International Center has 22 classrooms for group classes and two additional small-group/private tutoring rooms. All of our classrooms are clean and spacious with plenty of room for our students to spread out. The classrooms are equipped with tables and chairs – ideal for group and pair work exercises - with a whiteboard for the instructor's presentations. Each has audio/visual equipment (CD Players, TV/VCR/DVD Players, Computer with projector, etc.) either permanently in the room or available for the teacher at any time.

Multimedia and IT centre

In addition to our 2 computer labs, with more than 60 computers for student use, we have internet kiosks on the third and sixth floors and free, wireless internet access throughout the building. We also have two quiet study libraries with workspaces and TV/DVD players.

Library

Our lending library has a wide variety of textbooks, dictionaries, specific-skill texts and reference materials for students to use for additional practice. We also have multimedia materials (CDs, DVDs and CD ROMs) for students to borrow and use during their structured study hours.

Student Lounge

We have an enormous student lounge on the third floor that seats more than 50 people comfortably. Here you'll find internet kiosks, public telephones, vending machines and microwave ovens. In addition, each floor has a small lounge area with comfortable chairs and small tables. We also have a prayer/meditation room on the sixth floor for those wishing to observe quiet times throughout the day.

Cafeteria

While there is no on-site cafeteria, within steps of the school there is a variety of restaurants from fast food and deli to fine dining.

Sports facilities

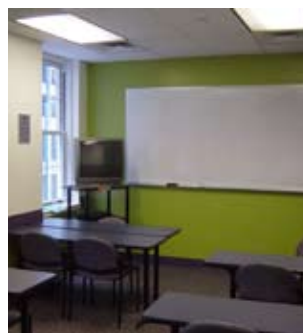
Sports such as running, soccer, baseball and kayaking are all available nearby.

Gym facilities

There are no gym facilities at the school, but students can join a local gym located across the street and locations at or near their residence or homestay.

Activities/Social Programme

While it takes little imagination to keep yourself busy in New York during the time you're not studying, Kaplan Aspect, New York provides a varied calendar of activities to fill your days. With workshops, parties, walking tours, museum trips, sporting events, Broadway shows and more, you'll discover parts of New York you didn't even know existed! These activities are lead by a member of the Kaplan Aspect staff and will help you to meet new people and discover the city.



Midtown classroom



Midtown student lounge

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the Kaplan Aspect school which is located at 131 West 56th Street, at 9:30am. 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 orientation which will include:

- Welcome Breakfast / Speaking Test
- Staff Introductions
- Placement Test (Selection from the TOEIC Exam)
- F-1 Orientation
- Housing Orientation / Lunch
- Academic Orientation & Materials Distribution

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (a piece of paper you will receive upon arrival to the USA)
- I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility), if required
- Proof of health insurance, if required
- Your address in the USA
- Course Payment/Voucher, if available
- All of your Kaplan Aspect 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, 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

Most of the major New York City Subway lines have stops very near the Kaplan Aspect Midtown location. The Yellow line (N, R, W and Q trains), the Blue line (A, C and E trains), the Orange line (B, D, F and V trains) and the Red line (1, 2 and 3 trains) are all within a few blocks from the school. In addition, the New York City Bus System has stops throughout the city stopping just steps from the school's front door.

Banks and Post Office

In Manhattan, there seems to be a bank on every corner. Near the Kaplan Aspect Midtown location there is a Chase Bank, Bank of America and a Citibank all within three blocks. The closest Post Office is just 5 blocks away at 57th street and 5th avenue.

Restaurants and cafés

Just outside the entrance of the school you'll find many restaurants – from the inexpensive "Burger Joint" (located in the lobby of Le Parker Meridien Hotel) to the Carnegie Deli to the Russian Tea Room.

Department stores and supermarkets

The newly-developed Time Warner Center (a high-end shopping center) is just a 5-minute walk from the Midtown school. You could visit Armani, Benetton, Coach and Tournéau – have a sandwich at the Whole Foods Market (a grocery store with some of the freshest produce in the city) - and be back to the school in time for your elective class.

Telephone and Internet Café

The Kaplan Aspect Midtown School offers students free wireless internet throughout the facility, with payphones available on the third floor to make both local and international calls (phone card for international).

Church / Mosque

There are many Churches and Mosques to be found in New York. Just ask the staff when you arrive for assistance in locating them.

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD

Sandwich	\$6-\$8
Lunch at a deli (take-away)	
or low-end restaurant/diner	\$12-\$15
Lunch at a moderate restaurant	\$25-\$30
Hamburger	\$2
Tea/Coffee	\$2
at a high-end coffee shop	\$4-\$5
Tickets:	
Movie	\$12
Bus/Subway	\$2 each way
Weekly Transit Pass	
(unlimited-ride MetroCard)	\$24
Monthly Transit Pass	
(unlimited-ride MetroCard)	\$76



Around Midtown



Midtown reception area



Teacher and student at Kaplan Aspect Midtown



Pizza party

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	Sing along to Broadway hits in Bryant Park
Wednesday	Visit the Statue of Liberty
Thursday	A night out on the town
Friday	Happy hour with Kaplan Aspect
Saturday	Boston weekend

Week two

Monday	Movie at the pier
Tuesday	Visit to the maritime museum
Wednesday	Volleyball match
Thursday	Disco night
Friday	3-day trip to Niagara Falls

The Team

Kaplan Aspect School Midtown

Student Advisors/DSO:

These people will be your first and best friends at the school. They are the people that can answer your questions – about New York, Kaplan Aspect, your I-20 and F-1 Visa, opening a bank account, getting a driver's licence, making a call home etc. If they don't have the answer, they know how to get it for you.

Academic Manager:

The Kaplan Aspect Academic Manager is the person responsible for your success in the classroom. S/he manages the teaching staff and will work with you to make sure you get the best class for you. S/he will also be your guide on your pathway to success.

Activities Manager:

The Kaplan Aspect Activities Manager will keep you entertained. S/he organizes a calendar of activities that will help you to meet new people, see new places and make the most of your time in New York. S/he can also help you to organize your visits to places outside of New York, like Niagara Falls, Boston and Washington D.C.

Housing Coordinator:

This person, along with the Housing Manager, will help you to arrange your housing in New York City. Whatever accommodation option you choose, our Housing Coordinator will be there to make sure you are safe and comfortable. S/he can also arrange you transportation to and from the airport.

English Program Manager:

The English Program Manager is the leader of the team. S/he is the person that makes sure that the facilities and every part of your experience with Kaplan Aspect exceeds your expectations.

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

Kaplan Aspect can arrange a comfortable and stress-free transfer from any of the three area airports to anywhere in the city you'll be staying - whether you've chosen Kaplan Aspect housing or not.

Most students choose to fly in to John F. Kennedy International airport (JFK), but we will also arrange transfers from Fiorello La Guardia Airport (LGA) and Newark International Airport (EWR). Your driver will greet you outside of the baggage claim area in the airport holding a sign with Kaplan Aspect's name, your name and your confirmation number. All of the details of your transfer will be confirmed and your confirmation number will be provided to you after you've provided us with your flight details. We can also arrange a transfer back to the airport when you have to return home.

Independent Transfers

If you choose not to use the Kaplan Aspect transfer service, the famous New York "Yellow Taxis" are always available. In the airport, you can simply follow the signs pointing you in the direction of "Ground Transportation" to an outdoor waiting area where you'll wait in line for the next available car. The cost for a taxi from JFK is a flat fee to anywhere in New York City, so don't be alarmed if the driver doesn't turn on the meter. From La Guardia and Newark airports, however, the driver should use the meter.

A shuttle and Bus service is also available at each airport and specific information about these services is available at the Ground Transportation waiting area.



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