

Kaplan Aspect Santa Barbara City College

Welcome to Kaplan Aspect at Santa Barbara City College. Kaplan Aspect Santa Barbara has a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, a comprehensive range of Kaplan Aspect courses on offer, first class learning facilities and a great location on the oceanside campus of Santa Barbara City College.

Santa Barbara is known for its beautiful beaches, picturesque mountains, celebrities and friendly locals. Originally a frontier station and now a resort city favoured by business people, Santa Barbara is a year-round destination for tourists. With a population of 93,000 and a total of 400,000 in the surrounding areas, Santa Barbara is a relaxed and open-minded city which is very popular with international language students.

Santa Barbara City College is located right on the beach in a residential area of Santa Barbara called The Mesa. Kaplan Aspect is located in a modern, California - style building on the Santa Barbara City College campus. The school is only 5 minutes away from the downtown area of Santa Barbara.

Kaplan Aspect Educational Programs 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 Programmes), TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and NAESA (Association for International Educators).



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721 Cliff Drive
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School Facilities

Classrooms

There are 8 bright and airy classrooms. All classrooms can accommodate up to 15 students.

Multimedia and IT centre

There are computers in the computer centre along with learning software for students use. The multimedia centre is a great place to utilise technology to maximise your learning.

Library

Santa Barbara City College has an extensive library available for your use. The library stocks text books, self-study materials, magazines and some paperbacks.

Cafeteria

There is a cafeteria, a small snack shop which is open until 8pm and a few vending machines at the school.

Sports facilities

Recreational facilities include tennis/basketball courts, athletic fields, swimming pool and an all weather track. The Activities Coordinator can help with organising outdoor sports events.

Gym facilities

Students who have purchased the Life Fitness Membership card have access to a gym at the school.

Activities/Social Programme

Kaplan Aspect arranges a full schedule of excursions and activities including weekend trips to Las Vegas, San Francisco and Yosemite. There are also days at Universal Studios, Disneyland and the local vineyards.



Kaplan Aspect multimedia room



SBCC library

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to the school at 8.30am. 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 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 Course
- 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
- USD 50 book deposit
- All your Kaplan Aspect documents 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

There are three bus stops located around the school. There is a shuttle bus which operates between the school and the main transit centre in downtown Santa Barbara. The train station is located less than one mile away.

Banks and Post Office

Banks are located close to the school, less than one mile away in downtown Santa Barbara. A post office is also located in downtown Santa Barbara.

Restaurants and cafés

A variety of restaurants and cafés are located within 1 mile of the school.

Department stores and supermarkets

Department stores and supermarkets are within a 2 minute bus ride of the school.

Telephone and Internet Café

Pay phones are located throughout the campus for students use. An internet Café is located a short distance from the campus and students can use the internet lab between 7am and 5pm on campus for email or internet use.

Church / Mosque

There are many churches and places of worship in Santa Barbara. There is no mosque. However, there is an Islamic Society and about 300 Islamic families in the area.

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD

Sandwiches:	\$4.00
Salad bowl:	\$5.50
Hot meal:	\$8.00
Drinks:	\$1.00
Tickets	
Cinema:	\$8.00
Bus:	
One-way trip	\$1.25 (average price)

Kaplan Aspect students who enrol on the SBCC 'Life Fitness Scheme' for \$130 per semester can ride public transport for free.



Santa Barbara City College campus



Santa Barbara City College running track



SBCC patio



View from SBCC balcony

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	Beach barbecue at Leadbetter
Wednesday	Volleyball tournament at West Beach
Thursday	Boat party
Friday	Trip to Disneyland
Saturday	Trip to Yosemite National Park

Week two

Monday	Dodgers game
Tuesday	Surfing at Leadbetter beach
Wednesday	Ultimate Frisbee tournament
Thursday	Surrey bike ride along the beach
Friday	Soccer tournament
Saturday	Los Angeles city tour

The Team

Kaplan Aspect School Santa Barbara



School Director:
Tyler Willson
 Tyler can help you with extensions and any information regarding your course.



Activities Coordinator:
Patrick Mari
 Patrick is responsible for student services, activities and weekend trips. He can help you with everything from opening a bank account to learning to surf or attend a boat party.



Academic Director:
Martin Ball
 Martin can help you with your classes, electives, university placement service, transferring to SBCC and internships.



Housing Coordinator:
Prim Eiseman
 Prim is responsible for finding host families and helping you adjust to the American culture.

Course Information

Courses

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- English for Business
- TOEFL iBT and Academic English
- iGMAT/iGRE
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester

Services

- University Placement
- Internship

Transfer Information

Kaplan Aspect transfers

Students can either fly into Santa Barbara Airport (SBA), or to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The latter is located about 90 minutes from Santa Barbara.

If you have paid for the Transfer Service, a Greeter holding a Kaplan Aspect sign will meet you outside the Customs 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 the Kaplan Aspect Airport Greeter", and the Greeter will come to find you.

If you have any flight changes, miss a connecting flight, or need help meeting the Transfer Service, you should call the school's emergency number at +1 805 966 1620 for help, and be prepared to tell them your name, school name (Kaplan Aspect Santa Barbara) and location.

Independent Transfers

If arriving at Santa Barbara Airport, you can take a taxi to your homestay, for \$20- \$40.

If arriving at Los Angeles International Airport, you can book the Santa Barbara Airbus (www.sbairbus.com) for \$42 one-way, and then take a taxi from the bus stop to your homestay (approximately \$20-\$40).



Santa Barbara City College campus