



Kaplan International





Welcome to Kaplan International Toronto! A fabulous waterfront city lying on the north shore of Lake Ontario, Toronto is Canada's largest and most cosmopolitan city. Its breathtaking architecture, world class theater, international sports, and beautiful waterfront setting make this a popular city to study in. Stroll around Harbourfront with new international friends, watch the Blue Jays play baseball at the Rogers Centre or take in the view from the top of the one of the tallest freestanding towers in the world, the CN Tower.

Toronto is a great choice for you if you like the excitement of a big city. It is well-known for its nightlife, music, festivals, professional sports, great shopping and restaurants. From Toronto you can take weekend trips to Niagara Falls, Montreal, Ottawa, Boston and New York. Being such an international city means it's easy to reach, with flights arriving from everywhere from Abu Dhabi to Zurich. Our campus offers students the very best of locations in the downtown city centre.



Kaplan International students outside the school



Kaplan International Toronto Suite 700 55 York Street Toronto, Ontario M5J 1R7, Canada

Kaplan International English schools in Canada are accredited members of Languages Canada and have designation as an International Student Program (ISP).



#### **KAPLAN INTERNATIONAL TORONTO**

# **School Facilities**

#### Classrooms

Classrooms are fully equipped with quality learning materials, comfortable student seating and have access to multimedia equipment and innovative SMART Boards<sup>®</sup>.

#### **Multimedia and IT Centre**

Our computer labs have been planned to create an ideal learning environment with the latest software and free Wi-Fi access.

#### **Student Lounge**

The lounge at Kaplan International is a great meeting place between classes and at lunchtime. Enjoy free Wi-Fi on your laptop or tablet, have a coffee with your new friends or check out notice boards for excursions and current events. It is also a great place to catch a movie or the latest sports events on our TV. Microwaves are available if you bring your own food, or get a snack at the vending machines.

#### **Sports Facilities**

There are no gym facilities at the school. Students can join the local gym located across the street which has weights and an exercise room. Basketball courts, tennis courts, and a soccer field are a short subway/ street car ride away.

#### Activities/Social Program

From the school, students can easily explore all attractions in Toronto on foot or by subway. Kaplan International Toronto arranges a full schedule of excursions and activities including weekend trips to Montreal and Niagara Falls. There are also visits to the Toronto Zoo, CN Tower, local museums and the Art Gallery. Toronto has a lot of professional sports teams so students can purchase tickets to see games as well.

#### **Exam Centre**

Kaplan International Toronto is an official Cambridge exam centre and an IDP IELTS Testing Venue.







Classroom

Classroom with SMART Board  $^{(\!R)}$ 

### **Orientation Information**

On the first day of your course please report to the Kaplan International Toronto school.

Address: Suite 700, 55 York Street, Toronto, Ontario M5J 1R7

#### **Orientation schedule:**

• English courses: 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:

- Welcome talk by the School Director
- Placement test and an interview to determine your English level and the courses you require
- Information about your classes
- Information about courses
- Information about the school and surrounding area
- Overview of school activities and excursions
- Tour of the school facilities
- Completion of forms and collection of any outstanding payments

#### Please bring the following with you:

- Passport
- Proof of Health Insurance
- Pen and paper for note-taking purposes

Following the intake, you can check the mykaplan.ca website later in the afternoon to receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level and elective courses. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English. Your class times will be assigned after your test and you may be assigned morning classes or afternoon classes. This will depend on your level of English, your choice of classes and class availability.

\* The elevators in the building do not open until 8:00 am. Please do not arrive before then.



#### **KAPLAN INTERNATIONAL TORONTO**

# **Local Information**

#### **Transport - Buses and Trains**

The school is conveniently located one block from Union Station. This is the main subway/ train transportation hub for the city and surrounding area, and is 1-3 blocks from the two main cross-city streetcar lines.

#### **Banks and Post Office**

There are banks located within 3 minutes of the school. A Post Office is 5 minutes away by foot.

#### **Restaurants and Cafés**

There are many restaurants and cafés located within minutes of the school.

#### **Department Stores and Supermarkets**

Supermarkets, department stores, clothing shops, boutiques, hair salons and major shops are located within a 5-minute walk of the school.

#### Internet

Computers with high-speed internet are located around the school, as well as free WIFI access.

#### **Places of Worship**

There are numerous places of worship in the areas surrounding the school.



Toronto skyline



Kaplan International students



Activities



Niagara Falls

# Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample program and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: www.mykaplan.ca

#### Week one

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Orientation day for new students Visit the CN Tower or local museums Watch a Toronto Raptors NBA game Movie night Go to a concert Visit Niagara Falls

### Week two

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Visit to the Royal Ontario Museum Visit Casa Loma (Toronto's castle) See a Musical Visit the Art Gallery of Ontario 2-3 day trip to New York City

## Cost of Living

#### Approximate prices in CAD

Sandwiches:	\$6.00
Salad bowl:	\$8.00
Hot meal:	\$8.00
Drinks:	\$2.00
Movie tickets:	\$16.00

TTC (Bus, Streetcar or Subway): Single fare: \$3.00 Weekly pass \$40.75 Monthly pass: \$141.50







# **Transfer Information**

### **Kaplan International Toronto Transfers**

Students should fly to Toronto Pearson International Airport. If you have paid for the transfer service, a greeter holding a Kaplan International sign will meet you outside the customs area and drive you to the homestay or residence. 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 416 826 7989, or 416 232 6818 or 1 866 293 3451 for help, and be prepared to tell them your name, school name (Kaplan International) and location. Students should only accept a transfer from a greeter with the official Kaplan International signage.

### **Independent Transfers**

Airport Express is a bus that costs approximately \$30.00 to get downtown. Visit www.torontoairportexpress.com

Taxi service costs approximately \$50 - 60 (add 10-15% tip) to get to your homestay or downtown. The drive averages about 45 minutes depending on where you live.



Activities with students