

Kaplan Aspect

Whittier College

Welcome to Kaplan Aspect at Whittier College, Los Angeles. Kaplan Aspect Whittier College has a relaxed and friendly community atmosphere, a comprehensive range of Kaplan Aspect courses, first-class learning facilities and is in 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 as a Quaker colony 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 recognised as one of the best small colleges in the USA. Whittier College is a selective, independent, four-year college that offers a nationally recognised liberal arts curriculum, a vibrant campus community and a strong academic tradition. Kaplan Aspect at Whittier College was founded in 1989.

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



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



Whittier College campus



Kaplan Aspect at Whittier College, Los Angeles
Redwood Hall
13509 Earlham Drive
Whittier, CA 90608

School Facilities

Classrooms

Kaplan Aspect Los Angeles has 10 classrooms which are medium sized and cosy. All rooms are complete with whiteboard and desks. There are VCRs available.

Multimedia and IT centre

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

Library

Kaplan Aspect has a small library which stocks text books, self-study materials, magazines and some paperbacks. Kaplan Aspect students also have access to Whittier College's state-of-the-art-library located on campus.

Student Lounge

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

Cafeteria

There is a new 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, exercise room, dance room and racquetball court.

Gym facilities

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

Activities/Social Programme

Whittier is a lively campus with many student clubs and activities which Kaplan Aspect 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.



Multimedia Centre



Kaplan Aspect classroom

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to Kaplan Aspect school's front office at 8.15am. 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 college 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 40 book deposit and USD 100 residence housing deposit if required
- All Kaplan Aspect 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 Aspect Whittier College is a short walk away from Whittier where you can catch buses to central Los Angeles. The nearest rail station is 20 minutes by car and 45 minutes by bus away from Whittier College.

Banks and Post Office

Banks are located within walking distance of Whittier College. There is a mailroom on Whittier College campus where students can buy stamps and send mail.

Restaurants and cafés

A variety of restaurants are located within walking distance of the school. There are restaurants, bookstores, coffee shops and a cinema.

Department stores and supermarkets

Department stores are located within walking distance of the school. 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.

Church / Mosque

A church can be found close to the school within walking distance. A Mosque is located approximately 45 minutes away by bus or car.



Whittier College swimming pool



Whittier College cafeteria



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Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD

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 programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: www.kaplanaspect.com

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 school
Tuesday	Visit to uptown Whittier
Wednesday	Soccer match
Thursday	Disco night
Friday	3-day trip to San Francisco

The Team

Kaplan Aspect Whittier College



School Director:
Vanessa Andrade
Vanessa is responsible for Kaplan Aspect policy, course changes, immigration, banking, extensions/terminations and pricing.



Housing Coordinator:
Janise Davidson
Janise is responsible for accommodation questions, housing changes and airport transfers.



Academic Director:
Judith Naimi-Yazdi
Judy is responsible for academic policy, academic counselling, class level changes, class schedules and immigration.



Student Services Coordinator:
Karina Alcaez
Karina is a good source of local knowledge, she can help you find medical assistance, religious institutions, transport information and much more! Ask Karina all your day-to-day questions.

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

Transfer Information

Kaplan Aspect 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 Aspect 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 school 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 school's emergency number at 1-562-693-9023 for help, and be prepared to tell them their name, school name (Kaplan Aspect Whittier) and location.

Independent Transfers

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

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



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