

# Boston

# School Guide

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## Why choose to study in our Boston school?

- Located in downtown Boston near the historic district.
- Situated in a modern building with state-of-the-art facilities.
- Surrounded by a lively neighbourhood with plenty of cafés, live music, public parks, and nightlife.
- Provides an excellent university preparation program with many acceptances to Boston-area universities.
- Offers an ideal student environment with the vibrancy and amenities of a college town.



### Location and contact information

#### Address

11 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108

#### Phone

+1 (617) 245 3956

#### Emergency contact

+1 325 648 0910

#### At this address since

2023

#### Providing English course since

2009

### School information

#### School Director

Lillian Bartels

#### Total number of teachers

10-15

#### Languages spoken by staff

Spanish, Korean, Mandarin

#### Teacher qualifications

Bachelor's (or equivalent) in combination with TESOL, CELTA, TEFL certificate (including practicum) or six months of ESL/EFL teaching experience.

### Accreditations and memberships

Accredited by the  
 BRITISH COUNCIL  
for the teaching of English in the UK

ENGLISHUK  
member

**Disclaimer:** All the information on this school guide is for reference. Please contact your advisor for the latest information

# About the school

- Number of buildings: 1
- Number of floors: 1
- Total number of classroom: 11
- School facilities: Elevator, air conditioning, heating, Wi-Fi (free), self-study center, student lounge
- Wheelchair / disabled access: Yes
- Extra cost of facilities: No
- Other services provided: Accommodation, University Placement Service, Airport Transfer, Medical Insurance, Virtual Internships
- Extra cost of other services: Airport transfer (please see price list for details)
- Number of computers available: 16

## Samples

### Class timetable

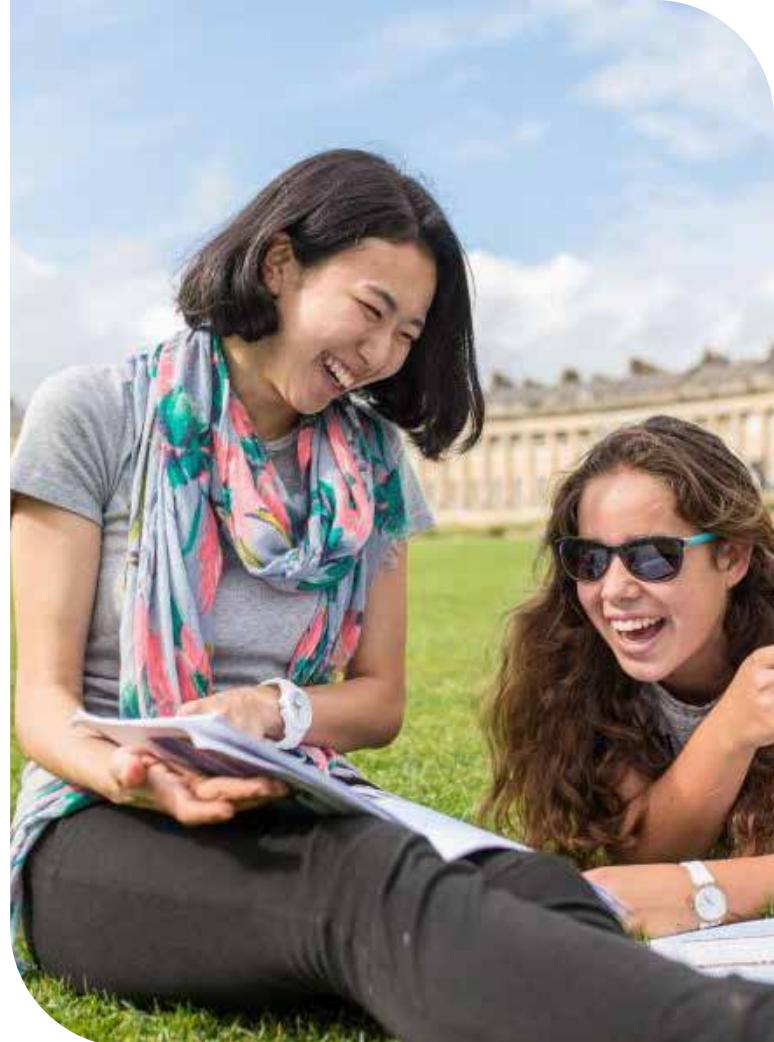
	Morning	Afternoon
Class	08:30 - 10:00	14:15 - 15:45
Break	10:00 - 10:15	15:45 - 16:00
Class	10:15 - 11:45	16:00 - 17:30

### Specialist skills class timetable

Morning class (Monday to Friday)	Afternoon class (Monday to Thursday)
Classes may take place during busy periods	13:45 - 15:15

### School materials

- **Materials provided for students:** K+ Course Books, K+ Learning Clubs, K+ Learning Space, K+ Extra, Interactive whiteboards, student mobile app
- **Is there a book deposit?** No
- **Is there a material fee?** No



- **Levels of English offered:** All levels
- **First day of school:** Students should plan to attend class on their first day

Be sure to check your email the week before your start date for your class and orientation schedule! Also, don't forget to complete the placement test and send in any required documents before you arrive



# Courses & students

- **Courses provided at this school:** General English, Semi-Intensive English, Intensive English, Academic Year Abroad, Business Supplementary, TOEFL IBT, Exam Preparation, 50+ Languages Abroad, Juniors
- **Special / extra courses provided:** None
- **Average number of students per class:** 11-16 (Maximum class size: 16)
- **Minimum age of students:** 16
- **Average age of students:** 22-25
- **Students per age group:** 18-21: 15% / 22-25: 35% / 26-30: 25% / Over 30: 25%
- **Top 10 student nationalities:** Colombia, Turkey, Chile, Argentina, South Korea, Brazil, China, Japan, Panama, France

## School location and transport

Time to...	By foot	By bike	By bus	By subway/train
The nearest café / restaurant	1 minute	N/A	N/A	N/A
The nearest supermarket	10 minutes	4 minutes	N/A	N/A
The nearest post office	2 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
The nearest ATM / bank	1 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
The nearest sports center	6 minutes	4 minutes	N/A	28 minutes
The nearest hospital	14 minutes	5 minutes	10 minutes	14 minutes
The city center	6 minutes	4 minutes	N/A	24 minutes

# About Boston

**Name of location:** Boston

**Famous landmarks:** Harvard University, Harvard Stadium, Fenway Park, MIT, Museum of Fine Art, The Freedom Trail

**Cuisines within a 20-minute walk:**

American, British, Chinese, Greek, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Mexican, Middle Eastern, Seafood, Thai, Vegetarian

**Transport within a 10-minute walk:**

Metro, buses

**Top 5 reasons to choose this city:**

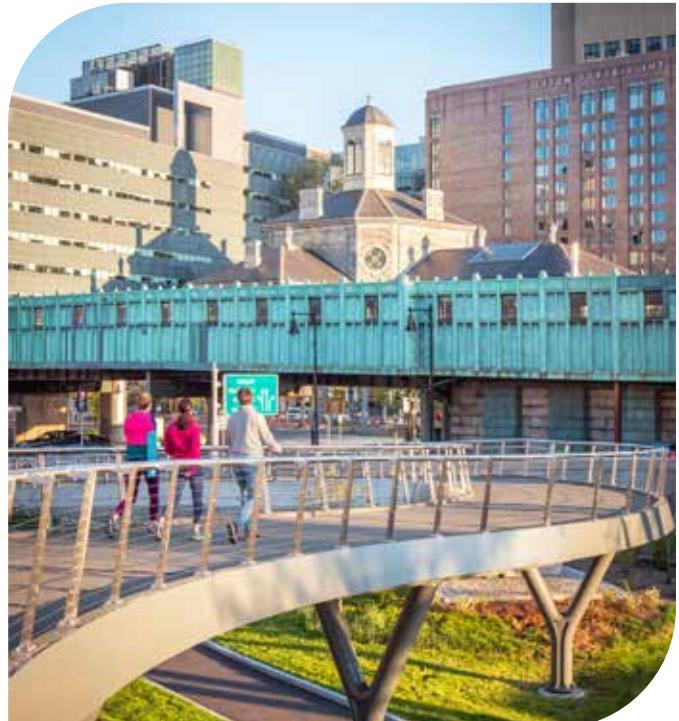
Education epicenter with great student atmosphere, plenty of sports to enjoy (Red Sox, Celtics, Patriots), surrounded by nature, cosmopolitan population, historical areas and landmarks nearby

**What makes this city unique?** Harvard University, MIT, historic landmarks and natural beauty

**Alternative things to do:** Go whale watching, experience professional sports, take part in city tours, visit the Harvard University campus, explore many new restaurants and galleries

**Examples of nearby cities to visit:**

Portland, Maine (Travel time: 2.5 hours, price of return ticket: \$40); New York (Travel time: 4.5 hours , price of round trip: \$75)





## *Regular social activities*

Red sox baseball game: \$25–50  
Harvard University tour: \$5  
Museum of Fine Arts: \$27  
Celtics basketball game: \$100–120  
Freedom trail tour: \$5  
Ski & snowboard day trip: \$120  
Weekend in New York: \$299

## *Living cost*

(sample prices for items in this city)

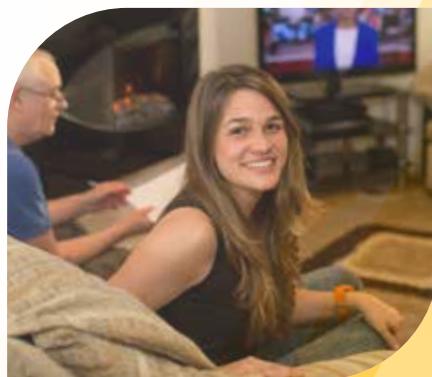
Bottle of water: \$1–2  
Coffee: \$5  
Can of coke: \$2  
Meal out for two: \$50  
Takeaway pizza: \$15  
Sandwich: \$7  
Local bus ticket: \$1.70 one way  
Local train ticket: \$2.40 one way  
Bike rental: \$6

## *Typical 2-week social schedule*

Days	First week	Second week
Monday	Freedom Trail	Boston Public Library tour
Tuesday	Bowling	Outdoor ice skating
Wednesday	Museum of Fine Arts	Orchestra concert at New England Conservatory
Thursday	Baseball Game	Pub Club
Friday	Sowa Arts & Crafts Market	Boston walking tour
Saturday	Weekend trip to Washington, D.C	Weekend trip to New York

Number of social activities per week: 2-4 (extra activities available)

# Accommodation in Boston



## Homestay information

- **Things students need to bring:** Toiletries, personal items to make their room feel like home, prescription medication, a small gift for the host family (not required)
- **Services included:** Bed linen, towels, laundry appliances available for use, telephone use for emergencies
- **Extra cost of services:** No
- **Meals provided:** Yes (depending on booking type)
- **Breakfast:** Breakfast is usually a light meal consisting of cereal, fruit, toast, juice, or coffee  
Hosts will usually ask you to prepare your own breakfast  
**Lunch:** You will be responsible for buying your own lunch at school, from a local restaurant, or the local shops  
**Dinner:** You will usually eat dinner with your host, or occasionally you may prepare your own meal with food supplied by your host.  
NOTE: Meals provided will differ depending on whether you have selected 14 meals per week or 7 meals per week. If you have booked 7 meals per week, you are responsible for buying your own dinner and you may not have access to the kitchen at certain times (Depending upon your booking type)
- **Will the homestay arrange to pick up the student from the airport?** No
- **Transport to school:** Your host will help you plan your way to and from school on your first day and explain how to use public transport
- **Where are the homestays located?** Malden, Medford, Watertown, Boston, Brighton, Newton, Roxbury, Brookline, Winthrop, Quincy and Everett
- **Additional information:** Homestays are 45–60 minutes of commute time to the school

# Accommodation in Boston

## Boston Apartments - The Bon



This is an  
Academic  
Year Abroad  
Residence



- **Address:** 1260 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02215
- **Website:** N/A  
Disclaimer: All the information on this residence file is for reference. Please contact your advisor for the latest information
- **Accommodation type:** 2-bedroom mixed-gender apartment, standard and deluxe single rooms with shared bathroom, seating area, kitchen for the apartment
- **Service available:** Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, linens, students must bring their own towels and toiletries
- **Extra cost of services:** On-site laundry, cleaning service available for additional charge
- **Bedroom:** Bed, wardrobe/closet, desk, lamp, chair
- **Kitchen:** Fully equipped kitchen with fridge, stovetop, oven, pots & pans, cooking utensils
- **Facilities:** Fitness center, yoga studio, study area, outdoor terrace, study center, onsite laundry facilities

- **Extra cost of facilities:** Card-operated laundry on-site
- **Famous landmarks nearby:** Fenway Park, Museum of Fine Arts, Copley Place shopping centre
- **Visitors or guests allowed?** No daytime or overnight guests allowed
- **Noise restrictions?** Yes (From 22:00 - 7:00)
- **Smoking allowed in the residence?** No
- **24-hour security?** Yes
- **Residence cleaning:** Rooms are cleaned on arrival; students are responsible for cleaning their own rooms, additional charge for extra cleaning
- **Linen changing:** Clean linens provided upon arrival; students responsible for washing their own linen
- **Availability:** Year-round for students 18+
- **Minimum number of week?** One week
- **Check-in and check-out times:** Check-in: Saturday & Sunday 16:00 - 21:00 / Check-out: Saturday 10:00
- **Room deposit?** No, but deposit form needs to be filled out

Time to...	By foot	By bike	By bus	By metro/train
The school	45 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes
The nearest café / restaurant	1 minute	1 minute	N/A	N/A
The nearest supermarket	6 minutes	3 minute	N/A	N/A
The nearest post office	5 minutes	2 minutes	N/A	N/A
The nearest ATM / bank:	1 minute	1 minute	N/A	N/A
The nearest sports center	5 minutes	3 minutes	N/A	N/A
The nearest hospital	10 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	N/A
To the city center	40 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes
To the main airport	N/A	45 minutes	40 minutes	40 minutes

# Health & safety

**Medical insurance** | All students must have medical insurance for the duration of their stay in the US.

Kaplan offers you a low-cost Travel and Medical Insurance Plan that we advise you to take. If you are not taking Kaplan Insurance you are required to show proof of alternative medical insurance. If not taking Kaplan Insurance, please make sure your insurance includes evacuation and repatriation.

**If you get sick** | If you get sick while in the US you should visit a doctor. You can ask the Kaplan staff or your host family where the nearest doctor is. If you have a minor illness you can ask staff at a local pharmacist for advice. Remember to bring any relevant insurance or medical documentation with you. You may be required to register with a doctor.

**Protecting your belongings** | We strongly recommend you take out insurance for your personal belongings, especially cameras, music players, mobile phones and laptops. Personal items cannot be covered by Kaplan homestay or residence insurance.

**Prescription medication** | Remember to bring enough of your prescribed medication with you as US pharmacists will not fill a foreign prescription. International customs agents may ask you questions about your medication upon your departure or arrival, so be sure to pack it carefully. Bring any important medical records (blood type, prescriptions, x-rays) that might be useful for medical care abroad as well as contact information for your health care providers at home.

## Medical costs

Medical costs are at the discretion of your local doctor or hospital. Minimum medical costs are as follows:

- Consultation with a doctor: \$60
- Dental treatment: \$150
- Eye test or new glasses: \$150

## Emergency services

Call **911** in case of fire, medical emergency or if you need the police.

## Laws

- No one under the age of 21 in the US may buy or consume tobacco or alcohol, including beer and wine. It is against the law to buy tobacco or alcohol for someone you know is under the age of 21
- Driving under the influence of alcohol is a very serious crime and police make regular random checks

- You will need international ID to enter bars, clubs or pubs (e.g. passport, ID card, driving licence)
- Buying, selling and using drugs is illegal

# Local customs

- People in Boston are generally very friendly and open to conversations with strangers
- American people talk to strangers in public areas. This is a great way to practice English, but caution should be taken. You should not give out your address and telephone number, or accept inappropriate invitations
- “Please” and “thank you” are very important words! Always use them if you ask someone to do something for you, or if they help you or give you information
- The US is a culturally diverse nation where people of all ethnic backgrounds are treated equally
- People in North America leave a tip for good service in restaurants, hair salons and other places. The tip rate at most restaurants is about 15–20% of the bill and is not usually included. Fast-food is not tipped unless it is delivered. Porters in stations, airports and hotels should be tipped approximately \$1 per bag. Taxi drivers are generally given a 15% tip

# Kaplan International Languages rules

- If you leave your Kaplan International Languages course, the government may revoke your student visa and advise you to return home
- You must attend all classes. If you do not attend your classes your representative will be informed. If you do not then improve your attendance you will be sent home

- Be on time for all your lessons
- Always tell Kaplan International Languages if you are going to be absent from school for any reason and tell your host family if you are going away overnight
- If you commit a criminal offence or have to be severely disciplined you will be sent home. We will also inform the immigration authorities

US public holidays	
New Year's Day (observed)	1-Jan-26
Martin Luther King Day	20-Jan-25
Memorial Day	26-May-25
Juneteenth	19-Jun-25
Independence Day	4-Jul-25
Labor Day	1-Sep-25
Thanksgiving	27-Nov-25
Day after Thanksgiving	28-Nov-25
Christmas Day	25-Dec-25
Day After Christmas Day	26-Dec-25

The above dates are observed as holidays in the year. If you arrive on a week where the Monday is a holiday, your first day of school will be a Tuesday.

# Holiday policy

**Academic year Abroad and semester students** | There are preset holiday dates for all Academic Year Abroad and Semester students. These dates depend on your start date and cannot be changed. Please check with the school if you are not sure when these are.

**School closures** | The school will be closed from 22 December 2025 to 26 December 2025 with an additional closure for New Years on January 1st

# Academic Year Abroad



**STUDY ENGLISH LONGER  
SUCCEED FOR LIFE**

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## Why choose an Academic Year Abroad in Boston with Kaplan?

Academic Year Abroad students have access to exclusive benefits.

1. Achieve the **fastest English progression** with Kaplan's exclusive Guaranteed Progression, while mastering fluency across reading, writing, listening, and especially speaking, **with personalized academic guidance every step of the way**.
2. Internationally recognized curriculum aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference.
3. Get ahead with Pre-College Certificates from prestigious US universities and colleges, including Harvard Medical School, Georgetown, Dartmouth, and Northwestern.
4. Study for **6, 9, or 11 months** and experience life in one of the world's most **vibrant English-speaking cities**.
5. Build your language toward a capstone project and earn an Advance Certificate on the area of expertise you would like to focus on.
6. Engage with guest experts at exclusive seminars hosted for Academic Year Abroad students.
7. **Start strong and finish proud** with a **bespoke orientation** and **graduation ceremony**.
8. Enjoy **direct and free access** to morning classes.
9. Keep learning beyond the classroom with **12 months of access to K+ Learning Sapce** after your course ends.
10. Feel at home abroad with **total support from our team: personalized academic guidance from day one, accommodation services tailored to your preferences**, and a lively social calendar.
11. **Get to know the city from day one** with a warm welcome and guided tour.
12. Join a **global community of over 1.2 million learners** who choose Kaplan each year.
13. **Upgrade your academic and professional CV** by investing in a trusted institution since 1938. Kaplan is widely known worldwide for **educational excellence and student success**.

# What programs are available in Kaplan Boston?

## Language & Culture

- Intensive
- Semi-Intensive
- Multi-Destination Year

## University Preparation

- TOEFL® Exam Preparation
- English for Academic Pathways

Let's go!  
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## Your course timeline

Start dates	End dates		
	6 months	9 months	11 months
5 January 2026	June 2026	September 2026	November 2026
30 March 2026	September 2026	November 2026	December 2026
22 June 2026	April 2027	June 2027	May 2027
21 September 2026	March 2027	May 2027	June 2027
9 November 2026	April 2027	July 2027	September 2027

1st Session Break - All courses	2st Session Break (9 & 11 month courses)
30 March 2026	14th September 2026
8th June 2026	21st December 2026
14th September 2026	21st December 2026
21st December 2026	24th May 2027

## How do we help you learn English quickly?

We are proud to offer English programs built on a solid, research-based methodology designed to help you improve your English confidently and quickly. With our carefully structured syllabus, you can join at any point and continue progressing smoothly, with teaching materials tailored to your level and learning style.

Each Academic Year Abroad program is structured with carefully designed lessons aimed at achieving your specific objectives:

### ***Language Foundation*** (20 lessons, 15 hours)

Build your core English skills with 15 hours of General English per week, using our spiral, blended curriculum aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference. Lessons are topic-based and communicative, designed to boost fluency, confidence, and real-world language use.

### ***Language in Action Workshops*** (4 lessons, 3 hours)

Take your English beyond the classroom with interactive workshops each week focused on communication, collaboration, and real-life tasks. These sessions help you practise spoken English in creative, practical contexts.

### ***Specialist Skills*** (8 lessons, 6 hours)

Enhance your learning with focused classes, tailored to your needs and objectives. Ideal for students looking to improve in targeted areas, these sessions focus on specific skills like pronunciation, writing, exam preparation or Business English.

### ***K+ Extra*** (3 lessons, 2.25 hours)

Students enhance their fluency with K+ Extra online resources supporting personalized language learning.



*Learn about  
every program*



# Language & Culture

**Discover the joy of learning English abroad like never before.**

Transform your language skills as you embark on a program designed to immerse you in one (or more) exciting destinations around the world. This is more than a course. During this enriching year, we blend expert language training with cultural immersion, global friendships, and unforgettable experiences.

## **Intensive**

**Total of 35 lessons per week = 26.25 hours**

Want to master every aspect of English? This course sharpens your skills in speaking, reading, writing, listening, grammar, and pronunciation, while also expanding your vocabulary for effective communication in real-world settings.

Lessons	Number of Lessons	Total of Hours
Language Foundation	20 lessons	15 hours
Language in Action Workshops	4 lessons	3 hours
Specialist Skills	8 lessons	6 hours
K+ Extra Online	3 sessions	2,25 hours

## **Semi-Intensive**

**27 lessons per week = 20.25 hours**

Strengthen your foundational English skills while enjoying plenty of free time to explore your new city and have fun with friends! Join our social activities, dive into local culture, and make the most of every moment on this unforgettable adventure.

Lessons	Number of Lessons	Total of Hours
Language Foundation	20 lessons	15 hours
Language in Action Workshops	4 lessons	3 hours
Cultural Activities	3 sessions	2,25 hours

*\*F1 visa students in the US are required to take 3 hours of K+ Clubs per week.*

## Kaplan Multi-Destination Year

12 weeks New York City, 12 weeks Boston, 12 weeks Vancouver.

Study English in a 6, 9 or 11-month program spanning your choice of school locations.

Students travel the globe to create their own dream Academic Year Abroad by combining two, three or four locations, each destination with a minimum of twelve weeks.

In each location, students are immersed in comprehensive language development focusing on improving all language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking, while living the language through a variety of cultural immersion activities.

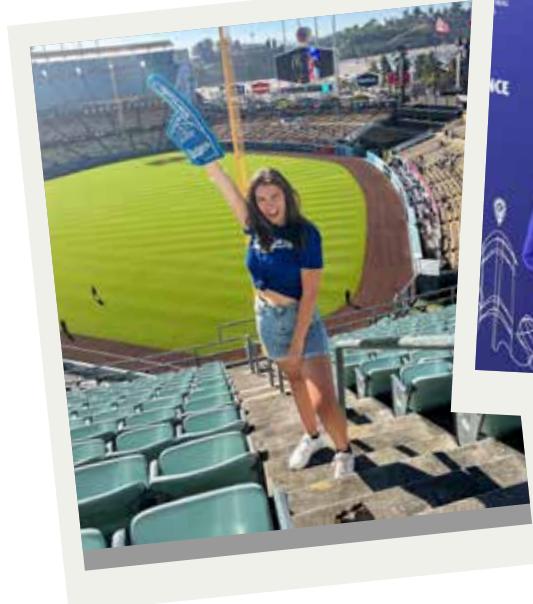
Visa regulations permitting, students can opt to build their own vacation breaks between 12-week quarters to experience even more of what the destination has to offer.

Example Multi-Destination Year itinerary: Nine months North America Coast to Coast

Experience big city life in the Big Apple, the cobble-stoned charm of historic Boston, and the natural wonders of British Columbia.

### Key facts

- **Minimum Age:** 16
- **Class Size:** 16
- **Entry Level:** Elementary



# University Preparation Program

## Your pathway to academic success

Turn your Academic Year Abroad into a launchpad for your university journey. Our *University Preparation* track is designed for ambitious students planning to study at leading institutions in the UK, the US, or beyond. This exclusive package combines expert guidance, academic enrichment, and wraparound support, giving you the confidence and credentials to take the next step.

### Real-world exposure

- Experience university life through campus tours and academic events
- Online guest speakers on topics like academic preparation and university application strategies

### TOEFL® Exam Preparation

35 lessons per week = 26.25 hours

Gain access to work or university life in North America with the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL®).

This English language proficiency test is required for access to numerous colleges and institutions across the US and Canada. Choose this program and you'll feel ready to ace the exam, with targeted lessons, practice tests and expert teachers who've helped numerous students pass.

Lesson	Number of Lessons	Total of Hours
Language Foundation	20 lessons	15 hours
Language in Action Workshops	4 lessons	3 hours
Specialist Skills on TOEFL®	8 lessons	6 hours
K+ Extra Online	3 sessions	2,25 hours

### Key facts

- Minimum Age: 16
- Class Size: 16
- Entry Level: B1

## ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

35 lessons per week = 26.25 hours

Want to be prepared for success in an academic setting?

This course is ideal if you want to develop essential language skills and test strategies for academic success while preparing to achieve top results in an official English exam.

Lesson	Number of Lessons	Total of Hours
Language Foundation	20 lessons	15 hours
Language in Action Workshops	4 lessons	3 hours
Specialist Skills on Academic English and Exam Prep	8 lessons	6 hours
K+ Extra Online	3 sessions	2,25 hours

### Key facts

- **Minimum Age:** 16
- **Class Size:** 16
- **Entry Level:** B1

## Exclusive Academic Year Abroad Upgrade College Preparation Certificate

Get ahead with online Pre-College Certificates from prestigious universities and colleges in the US including **Harvard Medical School, Georgetown, Dartmouth, Berkeley, and Northwestern**.

- Choose from courses in *Business, Economics, Finance, Leadership, Medicine, Engineering, Marketing*, and more
- 4-week **hybrid courses** (online + independent study) starting nearly every month
- Earn a **Certificate of Completion from the university**—a valuable credential for your college applications or CV



# Accommodation

## Accommodation options

This program offers special accommodation packages.

Get in touch with our team to get a personalized quote depending on your preferences, whether you choose a residence apartment to live with other Kaplan international students, or host families, making the most of integrating into the lives of our local families in the city.



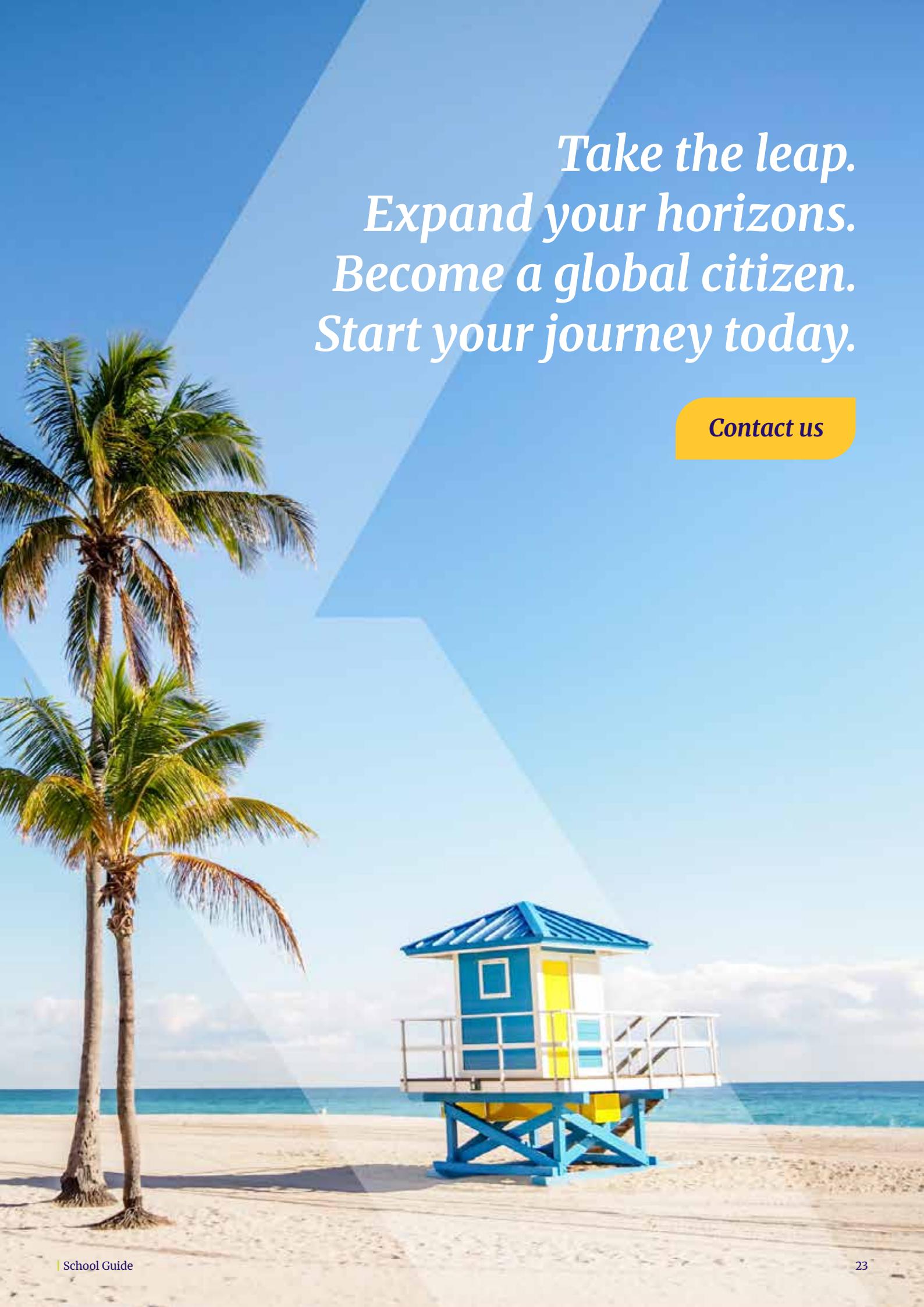
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*"Since the first day I arrived, I have had the chance to learn about a range of cultures. I have made friends from Taiwan, Japan, Colombia...and many other countries."*

**- Gozde Z, Kaplan Boston student from Turkey.**



A photograph of a tropical beach. In the foreground, two palm trees stand on the sandy shore. To the right, a blue and white wooden lifeguard hut with a blue roof sits on stilts. The ocean is a vibrant turquoise color, and the sky is a clear, pale blue.

*Take the leap.  
Expand your horizons.  
Become a global citizen.  
Start your journey today.*

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