From Bristo Square, walk past Old College, cross over onto Drummond Street and take a left at the bottom onto Pleasance. At the traffic lights, turn right onto Holyrood Road and keep walking until you reach Holyrood Campus. Approx. 15 mins walk.

From Old College, cross over Nicolson Street / South Bridge and walk down Drummond Street. Cross over Pleasance at the traffic lights to reach the Sports Centre. Approx. 10 mins walk.

From George Square, take a walk onto Buccleuch Place and choose any of the side streets to head through to South Clerk Street. Follow the road down until you take a left onto East Preston Street. At the end of the road, take a right and then the first left onto Holyrood Park Road. The entrance to Pollock Halls will be on your right. Approx. 30 mins walk.

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Central Campus Tour Map

1. Old Medical Quadrangle - EH1 1EJ
   Originally part of the Medical School completed in 1886. This Grade A listed building has been refurbished to unite the School of History, Classics and Archaeology under one roof. You can find the Anatomy Lecture Theatre here, in the School of Biomedical Sciences, which is still used for 1st and 2nd year Medicine lectures. There is also the Anatomy Museum and the Cadaver Court where you can view a variety of different support services to our students.

2. Bedlam Theatre - Between Forrest Road and Bristo place - EH8 9AD
   The former North Free Church was designed by architect Thomas Hamilton and built in 1846. In 1941 the church closed and the building is now home to the University of Edinburgh Theology Company, showing over 40 productions every year. The theatre is entirely run by students and our Students' Association. The name Bedlam is attributed to the building's proximity to Edinburgh's first mental health hospital.

3. Potterrow North East corner of Bristo Square - EH8 9BL
   Old College is the university's oldest existing site, and is home to the impressive Playfair Library, the Law School and Taitton Rice Gallery. Construction started in 1789 and many famous architects have had a hand in creating what you see today, including Robert Adam, William Playfair and latterly, Sir Robert Rowan Anderson. The quad is a fantastic place for pictures to be taken for your mementos. At the far end of the quad stands a poignant memorial to students and staff who made the ultimate sacrifice during both World Wars.

4. Hugh Robson Building North west corner of George Square - EH8 9LD
   Home of the School of Social and Political Science and named after Chrystle Macmillan (1872-1937) who was among the first women to graduate from the University and was the first female science graduate.

5. McEwan Hall West of Bristo Square - EH8 9AG
   The large circular building on the west of Bristo Square is McEwan Hall, financed by Sir William McEwan, MP for Central Edinburgh and founder of the famous city brewery. Once Edinburgh's premier concert venue, McEwan Hall has recently been redeveloped and normally hosts graduation ceremonies, exams, Open Days and other special events. Designed by Sir Robert Rowand Anderson, and completed in 1897, the interior was designed by William P ALIGN THE TEXT TO THE IMAGE

6. Informatics Forum, Dugald Stewart Building and the Visitor Centre Charles Street - EH8 9AD
   Designed by Bennetts Associates, the Informatics Forum has won numerous awards for its environmentally sustainable design and is used purely for research. The Dugald Stewart Building, which houses the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences provides a state-of-the art centre for innovation and interaction, cutting edge technology and flexible teaching space. Nestled directly in between the two is our Visitor Centre where you can find information about the University as well as fabulous souvenirs.

7. Chrystal MacMillan Building North west corner of George Square - EH8 9LD
   One of the largest academic libraries in the world, the Main Library provides access to over 1.8 million printed volumes and over 18 million electronic resources. Founded in 1580, the library moved to George Square in 1967, and has recently undergone a £60 million refurbishment. Facilities include group study pods, computer suites, cafe and our Ucreate studios.

8. Old College South Bridge - EH8 9YL
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9. Teviot Row House South of Bristo Square - EH8 9AJ
   On the North east corner of Bristo Square is Potterrow, another of the four Students’ Association buildings and a lively and popular place to meet friends. Facilities here include a shop, a café, a bar and the Chaplaincy Centre, which offers support for students of all faiths and none. Potterrow is also home to The Venue which hosts numerous themed nights throughout the year including gigs, ceilidhs, and a student club night called Big Cheese. Next to Potterrow is the Richard Venrey Health Centre which offers a variety of different support services to our students.

10. Main Library South west corner of George Square - EH8 9LJ
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11. Gordan Aikman Lecture Theatre South of George Square - EH9 9LX
    The University’s largest lecture theatre, built in 1967 is used for teaching a variety of subjects. This venue is also used, along with a number of our facilities, in Edinburgh’s Fringe Festival, the world’s largest arts festival.

12. Business School South East corner, George Square - EH8 9JS
    With the Glass box on your left hand side, the Business School should be directly in front of you. The building houses excellent teaching in Business and Accounting.

13. 40 George Square South east corner, George Square - EH8 9JX
    Entrance via the glass box, our recently refurbished basement level boasts a fantastic café, seminar rooms and small study space, 40 George Square also has 3 large lecture theatres where many 1st and 2nd year classes take place.

14. 50 George Square East side of George Square - EH8 9JZ
    50 George Square, opened in 2014, is the home to our School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures. Inside here we have lecture theatres, seminar rooms, a project room and a screening room which is sometimes used by film societies at the University.

15. 7 George Square North East Corner of George Square - EH8 9JZ
    Built in 1876; this was once George Watson's Ladies' College and was purchased by the University in 1973. Today the building is home to Psychology. Outside you will see the plaques for Robert Louis Stevenson: alumnus of the University, poet, and author; and Julius Kambarage Nyere: graduate of the University, African statesman, and the first President of Tanzania.

16. Appleton Tower Crichton Street - EH8 9LE
    Originally completed in 1966, and recently developed, this building was named after scientist Sir Edward Appleton. It houses a cafe, large lecture theatres, specialist computer labs and social spaces. Many different subjects will use this building for teaching.

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