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.

From George Square Gardens, walk through Crichton Street, take a right and continue straight on Buccleuch Street, past Summerhall and onto Mayfield Road. Continue walking on Mayfield road for approximately 1.7 miles until you reach the King's Buildings Campus. Approx. 30 mins walk.

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From Bristo Square, walk past Old College and take a left onto South Bridge. Keep walking over North Bridge and take a left at the end onto Princes Street. Access down to Waverley Station will be on your left. Approx. 15 mins walk.

From Bristo Square, cross over onto Bristo Place and walk past Greyfriars Bobby, along George IV Bridge and turn left onto Lawnmarket. Continue up the Royal Mile and Castlehill until you reach the Castle. Approx. 20 mins walk.

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Informatics Forum, Dugald Stewart Building and the Visitor Centre
Charles Street - EHB 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.

McEwan Hall
West of Bristo Square - EHB 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 Palín with the images decorating the ceiling representing the various subjects offered by the University.

Old College
South Bridge - EHB 9YL

Old College is the University’s oldest existing site, and is home to the impressive Playfair Library, the Law School and Taitlott 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.

Potterrow
North East corner of Bristo Square - EHB 9BL

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 Venner Health Centre which offers a variety of different support services to our students.

Teviot Row House
South of Bristo Square - EHB 9AJ

Teviot Row House, the oldest purpose built Students’ Union in the world, opened in 1889. The building is now run by Edinburgh University Students’ Association, and boasts five bars, a debating chamber, dinner room, café and several meeting rooms. Often referred to as ‘hogwarts’ by tourists. This building will close for refurbishment in 2023 to modernise some of the facilities.

Teaching buildings on George Square

Informatics Forum
50 George Square

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Business School
South East corner, George Square - EHB 9SJ

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.

Old Medical Quadrangle
Between Forrest Road and Bristo place - EHB 1E1

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 Theatre 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.

Bedlam Theatre
Forrest Road - EHB 9AG

The Universities 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.

McEwan Hall
South West corner of George Square - EHB 9JL

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, café and our Ucreate studios.

Central Campus Tour Map

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College of Science and Engineering @Murchison House, King’s Buildings campus: 10:00-16:00, Mon-Fri / Tel: +44 (0)131 650 5737
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