A Guide to Access and Facilities
21 George Square

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Edinburgh
EH8 9LD

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21 George Square Map Link
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**Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan**

Note:
A Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) is required for all staff and students unable to self-evacuate in an emergency. Provision for staff/students/visitors who are unable to self-evacuate is the responsibility of the organiser of the class/lecture/event/meeting. While the School is responsible for preparing this, staff and students requiring assistance should confirm the evacuation arrangements.
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Disabled Access Guide for 21 George Square

Introduction

21 George Square houses the Europa Institute and the Academy of Government.

Location

21 George Square is located within what is referred to as the Central Campus of the University of Edinburgh, which is well served by public transport. The building is within approximately one mile of the city centre and is within approximately three quarters of a mile of the main student residences at Pollock Halls.

The nearest railway line is at Waverley Station in the city centre.

The nearest bus stops are located on Lauriston Place and Forrest Road in excess of 300 metres of 21 George Square. Numerous bus services stop on these streets (see map on the following page). Details of timetables are available from Lothian Buses, from their offices within the city and online from: http://www.mybustracker.co.uk.

Persons arriving by vehicle can access George Square via Crichton Street (see map on the following page).

There is no wheelchair access to this building. Persons with mobility difficulties can access the building, however, assistance may be required as offices are located over four floor levels and are accessed via stairs.
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Parking

Within the Central Campus there are numerous parking spaces. Anyone wishing to park within a university bay must display a valid parking permit. This includes staff, students, visitors and contractors.

The closest university car park is located to the rear of 21 George Square along George Square Lane, approximately 80 metres from the main entrance. This car park incorporates two disabled parking bays. The car park surface comprises tarmac and access from this car park to the main entrance is via a paved footpath.

![Disabled parking bay along George Square Lane](image)

There are a further four university disabled parking bays located on George Square, to the front of the Main University Library. These bays are located approximately 130 metres from the main entrance (see location map). The bay surface comprises paving and access from these bays to the main entrance is via a footpath and a road which comprise granite setts, and a footpath which comprises paving.

![Disabled parking bays to the front of the University Library](image)
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There is a further university car park located to the rear of the University Library in excess of 200 metres of the main entrance. This car park also contains a disabled parking bay. The car park surface comprises granite setts and the disabled bay surface comprises tarmac. Access from this car park to the main entrance is via a paved footpath which comprises in part a moderate gradient.

If you do not hold a valid permit and require use of a university bay, it is recommended that contact is made with Transport & Parking prior to your journey (see contact information page).

There is City of Edinburgh Council ‘pay and display’ parking located around George Square. The street surface around George Square comprises granite setts.
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Outside Access

The main entrance is located at the front of the building on George Square.

The main entrance is accessed via six steps which have handrails to both sides. The entrance door is secure, is operated manually, opens inwards and has a step at the base. There is an intercom call point and a swipe card proximity reader/keypad located at the top of the steps, before and to the left of the entrance door.

If you have mobility difficulties and intend to access 21 George Square, it is recommended that contact is made with the department you intend to visit, or with your host, prior to arrival.

Reception

There is no reception. For information prior to your visit please contact your host, or alternatively, please contact the University Switchboard on: 0131 650 1000.

Lift

There is no lift.

Stairs

All floors are accessible by stairs.
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- The stairs have colour contrasting nosings.
- There is a handrail to one side of the stairs.
- The lighting level in the stairwell is fair.
- The stairs serving the basement and second floor levels are narrow.

Toilets

There are no accessible toilets.

Standard toilets are located on the basement and first floors (see floor plans).
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### Room Directory

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Floor Plans

Key
- Standard Toilet
- M Male
- F Female
- Fire Exit

21 George Square - Basement Floor Plan
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**Key**
- Main Entrance Access Point (Steps)
- Fire Exit

21 George Square - Ground Floor Plan
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21 George Square - First Floor Plan
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21 George Square - Second Floor Plan
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**Opening Hours**

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Out of hours access is available for authorised staff.

**Contact Information**

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Transport & Parking:
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University Switchboard:
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**Links**

- University Homepage
- Campus Maps
- Bookable Rooms Guides
- Student Disability Service
- Europa Institute
- Academy of Government
- Transport & Parking
- City of Edinburgh Council Parking