The original Main Campus was designed to be compact and walkable—an eight-minute walk from one side of campus to the other.

As the campus has grown, academic buildings have been clustered within or adjacent to that original core. Other buildings, such as support and research facilities and residential complexes, are more remote.

The Long Range Plan extends the density of the original core, integrating these disparate, peripheral areas into an enhanced network of streets, paths, parks, and quadrangles.

The majority of the academic area remains within a five-minute walking radius from the center of the Sombria Plaza, with additional academic and student life facilities located within a five-minute walk of the new Central Quadrangle. Residential areas are located outside the academic core and are primarily within a ten-minute walking distance of either the Sombria Plaza or the Central Quadrangle.