

How to get from the train station to the VU (Vrije Universiteit)

The nearest train station to the university is the *Amsterdam Zuid WTC*. *Zuid* means South in Dutch, and *WTC* means World Trade Centre in English in Dutch. It is one stop away from Schiphol Airport train station, and not remotely near Amsterdam Central train station.



When you get off the train, there is only one platform (yet, another one is being built, see below) and there is a choice. One can walk towards the main space, and then follow the official route to the VU but you get very close to going straight into the building site which is interesting but one will get lost in many fascinating ways. So, easiest is to walk along the platform westwards (for city people, that is towards Schiphol, or in the directions the train disappears, or towards where the sun sets if one waits long enough but by that time the defence will be over) towards the stairs at the far end. Go down the steps and turn right. Not that you have choice, you have landed into another building site and the only way through is to the right.

Ignore the signs which warn you for Break Dancers, unless you are feeling very brave or in a particular breakdancing mood (or are after a shortcut).



Follow the official VU route, as indicated by the man in the long white coat crossing the Amstelveenseweg and turn to the left, south (where the sun is now).



This official walk route is indicated by very specific signs, of a man chasing a bicycle (presumably the very one he just fell off) and below this pictograms are the letters "VU" meaning Vrije Universiteit. Our goal!



Which looks roughly like this:



This building appears when one is walking from the station / building site in the right direction. (South.) Past a BP petrol station (for those who like to navigate by petrol stations). Across the street the VU entrance appears as a rather fancy glass box:



Go towards it, climb over or walk past the piles of bicycles, and enter the building. Upon entering into the main space, turn right, go up the stairs ahead.



(spot the video screens by now announcing your destiny), up to the next level and towards the Aula.



..... and in here is where it all happens!