

## How to get from the VU to STEIM:

When you walk out of the main entrance go to the right (east for outdoor people), towards the tram/metro stop, on the Amstelveenseweg.



Cross the lines, and go to the higher part of the platform (the lower part is for the tram, number 5, which looks remarkably similar to a metro).



Take the line 51, the only metro line, which goes to the Amsterdam Central Station (CS) every 10 minutes. It looks remarkably similar to the tram.



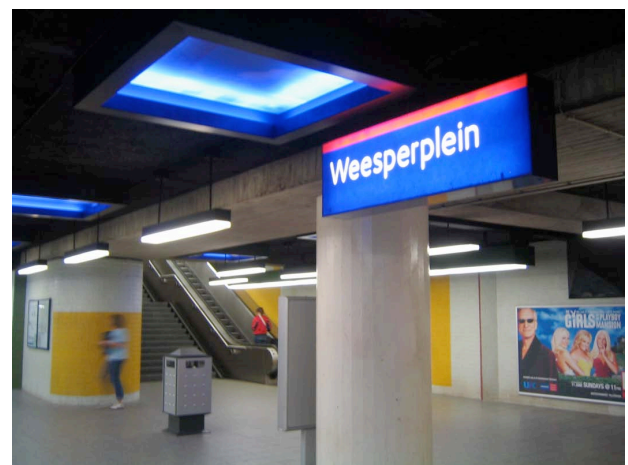
Make sure you have a *strippenkaart*, the invention to confuse foreigners, and stamp three *strippen* (for two zones - don't ask) in the little yellow box inside the metro.



On the metro, apparently one should refrain from breakdancing.



Get off the metro (by now indeed underground) at 'Weesperplein'. It is the seventh stop. Go up the stairs, following the man with the red coat.





Upstairs, still underground, take the exit across the hallway marked 'Sarphatistraat-Amstel', follow the person with the red trousers.



(Ignore the fancy new fences, they are part of a long term plan to introduce a new system based on chip cards to confuse foreigners using Dutch public transport even more. It will be fully operating around 2009. You don't need to wait for that, walk through, up the stairs.)

You are then on ground level, the view looks like this:



Walk ahead to the main street, the Sarphatistraat, and turn right towards the Amstel.



Cross the Amstel bridge. It is very hot today (by Dutch standards) so the bridge is cooled by streams of water.



Don't worry and don't do a Hans Brinker. It's perfectly normal even though innocent cyclists might suffer from drowning....



After crossing the bridge, turn right along the Amstel.





While you're here you might do some sight seeing. You have already seen (or missed) the Amstel Hotel, you are now approaching the Magere Brug on the right and the Carré Theatre on the other side of the Amstel.



On the left you see the Achtergracht, famous for the STEIM studio but you have to carry on to find the back entrance.....



The street after the Achtergracht, on the left, is the Utrechtsedwarsstraat. (This is a long name indeed for such a little street. It means "the street that is perpendicular to the Utrechtsestraat, the slightly bigger street at the far end which has a whole tram running through (4)).



Go up this street and about halfway on the left you will find the entrance of the STEIM venue at 134 marked by piles of bicycles.



Enter, have a drink and a look around!



*Epilogue:*

**How to get from the VU to STEIM in short:**

Coming out of the main entrance of the university go to the right, walk towards the metro station, take line 51 in the direction of the Central Station, get off at the Weesperplein, take the exit Sarphatistraat / Amstel, cross the river Amstel and turn right, third street on the left is the Utrechtsedwarsstraat and the STEIM entrance (no. 134) is about half way to the left!