

Directions

The UiL OTS is located in the centre of Utrecht. The centre can best be reached by train or bus. There is also a fast connection by tramway ('sneltram') from Nieuwegein to Utrecht Central Station. The building of the UiL OTS is within walking distance of Utrecht Central Station, but there are also busses (bus stop *Domplein*). Visiting by car is not a good idea. If you manage to get there at all, the nearest place where you can park your car is probably the place where you left. We have no parking facilities, not for ourselves, and not for our guests. You could try to park in the outskirts of the city, and take the bus to the Central Station.

Below you will find a route description from Schiphol Airport to Utrecht Central Station, and from Utrecht Central Station to the UiL OTS.

From Schiphol Airport to Utrecht Central Station From the arrival hall, follow the train signs to the station hall. Buy a ticket to Utrecht (ca € 9,50 for a first class single ticket and € 6,10 for a second class ticket). Do NOT take the train that says it goes to Utrecht: it is slow (takes twice the time you need), and you would have to pay extra (because it is more kilometers). Take a train that goes to Hilversum via Duivendrecht (*10, and *40) or take one that goes to Amersfoort via Duivendrecht (*23 or *53). Get off at Duivendrecht and change for Utrecht (*11, *29 * 40 and *59 direction Utrecht Centraal) .

From Utrecht Central Station to the institute (UiL OTS, Trans 10)

1. Get off the train at Utrecht Central Station, take the escalator or stairs up to the main hall on the 1st floor.
2. From the main hall follow the Bus and Taxi signs (direction 'Centrum'/'Clarenburg'/'Vredenburg', do **not** go to 'Jaarbeurs')
3. Decide whether you want to go
 - by train taxi -- cost ca € 3,50, proceed to 4.
 - by taxi -- cost ca € 8, proceed to 5.
 - by bus -- cost ca € 1,50 proceed to 6.
 - walking -- cost 10-15 minutes, proceed to 9.
4. For the train taxi ('treintaxi') you need a special ticket, which can be bought at all station. Go to the taxi platform, to the 'treintaxi' stand, right in front of the exit. Train taxis are shared with other passengers going in the same direction (in your case: Center). You may have to wait until the taxi is full (but not more than 10 minutes). Tell the driver that you want to go to Trans 10 (in the Center of Utrecht, **not** in the University Center), and proceed to 18.
5. Go to the taxi platform (same level) and take a taxi to the 'Trans', and get off in front of the main entrance (address Trans 10). If the taxi driver is in doubt whether Trans refers to a building in the University Center 'De Uithof' (outside Utrecht), or to a place in the inner city, you should tell him to go to the inner city, near the Dom Tower. Once you have left the taxi, proceed to 18.
6. Take the escalator (or stairs) down to the city bus platform ('stadsbussen'). It is right below the taxi platform.
7. Walk straight ahead, until the end of the platform, until you see on your left the stop of line 2.
8. Go on the bus, buy a ticket, and get off at the 4th stop 'Domplein', right in front of the Dom Tower. Proceed to 17.
9. Walk past the exits that lead to the bus and taxi platforms (keeping them on your left), and continue walking through the shopping area, in the same direction (Centrum/Vredenburg/Clarenburg).
10. Maintain the same direction; there is one place (a wide square, with in the middle a bronze bar with a knot in it) where you have to keep the square on your left, and turn slightly to the right.
11. At the end you will find an escalator which will take you down and, after 20 meters, outside.
12. You will find yourself in the right hand bottom corner of a large square. Walk straight ahead to the right hand top corner, and turn right there.
13. Follow the shopping street. It turns gradually to the left. Keep following it.
14. By now you should see somewhere ahead of you, a tall church tower (the 'Dom Tower', 110 m, see inset). Use this as your landmark, because that is where our institute is.
15. When the shopping street ends, turn right (another shopping street).
16. Take the first street left, which leads you across a bridge over a canal, through (really!) the Dom tower. Then turn right, where you will see a bus stop (yellow sign).
17. Walk 50 meters in the same direction as the bus, cross the street, and take the first street on your left. This is the 'Trans'. The entrance is at Trans 10, in the middle, on your left.
18. Go in, walk up the stairs to the 1st floor, and turn left. After approx. 10 meters you will find the UiL OTS secretariate on your left in room 1.15 (right in front of the copiers).
19. If you get lost, don't despair. Just call us: 253 6006 (or extension 6006 when you are calling from one of the University buildings).

