How to come to the university of Saarbrücken

From Frankfurt airport to Saarbruecken central station

If you arrive at Frankfurt airport, there are two different railway stations at the airport. You can either take a long-distance train (short: ICE or IC) from Frankfurt to Saarbruecken, departing from Fernbahnhof (short: Fernbf), or you take a regional train (short: RE) from Regionalbahnhof (short: Regionalbf). Regional trains are recommended since there are non-stop connections available, but you can take both kinds of trains.

Tickets are available from the machines on the platforms or near the stations. In long-distance trains, you can even buy the ticket in the train from an officer (but NOT in the regional trains).

From the central station to Motel One or Hotel Madeleine

Most of our visitors stay in Motel One. It is situated at *Schillerplatz 4*, 66111 Saarbruecken, near the heart of the city, the St. Johanner Markt. It is within walking distance from the central station (about 1km). Right in front of the central station, there is the pedestrian area (the street Bahnhofstraße) which goes in a straight line (after a slight turn to the left) to the main place St. Johanner Markt. In a side street to the right, the Motel One is situated.

Others might stay in Hotel Madeleine, which is also in the city center, again in walking distance from the central station. Instead of going into the pedestrian area, turn to the left as soon as you leave the train station by its main exit. At the crossing (after 100m), take the $Kaiserstra\beta e$ – this is the street where the tram goes. Follow this street for about 400m until you come to a (quite) big church, the Johanneskirche. The Hotel Madeleine is to the left of the church.

From the central station to the university

If you want to go from the central station directly to the university, it is recommended to walk to the bus stop *Rathaus* since there are not so many good bus connections from the central station (strange enough). Exit the train station and turn to the left. You will pass a parking place and come to a crossing. Take the *Kaiserstraße* and after about 500m you will come to the church *Johanneskirche*. The bus stop *Rathaus* (see the description below) is nearby: go to the tram station and turn right. It is at the tall red building (the city hall).

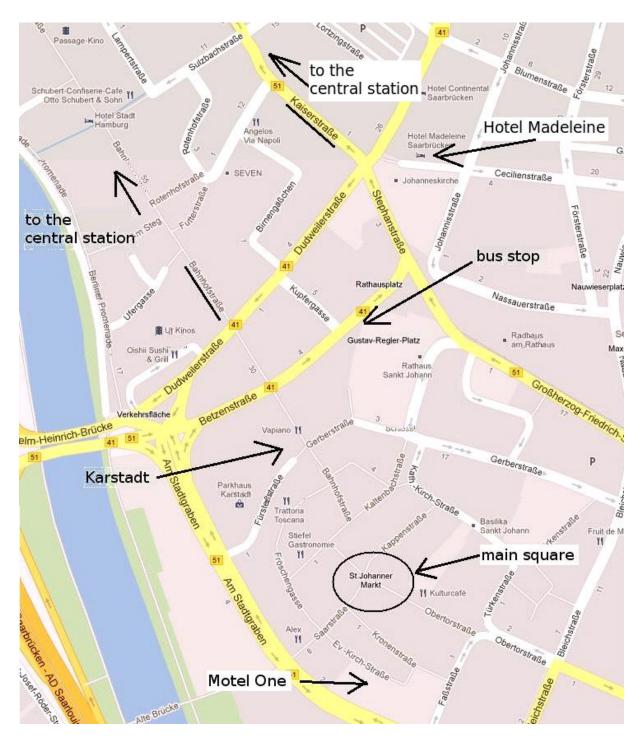
You can also take a nicer road from the central station to the bus stop Rathaus: Exit the train station and go straight on into the pedestrian area (the street $Bahnhofstra\beta e$) which goes in a straight line (after a slight turn to the left) to the city center. Turn left just before the shopping center Karstadt into the $Betzenstra\beta e$ and walk about 100m. (Distance train station – bus stop: about 800m this way)

From Motel One / downtown to the math building

There is a bus stop at the Rathaus (city hall) called Rathausplatz. Starting from Motel One, go to the St. Johanner Markt and proceed in the direction of the central station. You will pass by the restaurant Vapiano on the right, and the shopping center Karstadt on the left. Now, turn right into the $Betzenstra\beta e$ and walk about 100m. There is a big bus stop with several busses going to the university (or Dudweiler, which is the same direction). They come pretty regularly and you can take almost any of them. It costs 2,40 Euro p.p.

You can buy the tickets in the bus from the driver or at the blue ticket machines. The one way tickets are immediately valid, so do not buy several of them at once. There are also weekly and monthly tickets.

The bus stops three times on the campus. Once right before the main gate, then again on the main square of the university and the third time at the mensa (see "H" on the attached campus map). This is where you should get off the bus. Continue in the direction the bus goes and turn to the right after about 50m. On the right you will find the math building, number E2.4. Our offices are on the first floor, Roland Speicher's office is 201.



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