Information for Change of Major applicants
Seeking to enter the Bachelor of Science in Visualization

Students currently enrolled in another major at Texas A&M University with fewer than 60 hours and a minimum of a 3.0 GPR who desire to change their major field of study into the College of Architecture, majoring in Visualization, must fill out a Change of Major application. Deadlines for application are as follows:

• March 1 for summer admittance
• June 15 for fall admittance
• October 1 for spring admittance

Application forms are available in Langford A219. Students will be notified of action on their applications within 30 days of the deadline date. The college will admit the best-qualified applicants based on a number of openings available in the program.

Students are encouraged to submit a portfolio of work for evaluation. It is suggested that a maximum of 15 pieces be submitted which reflect the best work of the applicant. A variety of media/subjects is encouraged, but not necessary. Traditional media is most helpful in the evaluation, especially works based on observation and not the replication of existing images/photographs. Quick, expressive sketches may be just as important to the committee as completed works. The portfolio can be submitted to Langford A219.

Change of major students who have completed at least 12 graded, transferable hours are encouraged to participate in a 10-week summer module offered by the Department of Visualization. The summer module is designed to provide an intensive first-year design studio sequence and support coursework that will enable change of major and transfer students to qualify for sophomore design studios the following semester. Successful completion of the summer module allows students to complete the Bachelor of Science in Visualization degree in a more efficient and timely manner. The BSV curriculum layout at www.viz.tamu.edu/undergraduate shows the recommended program of courses.

For complete information regarding change of majors, please see the current catalog at http://catalogs.tamu.edu.

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**Personal Computers**

All students entering the program are required to possess a portable, network-ready personal computer. Students desiring financial assistance with their computer purchase can apply through the Financial Aid Office by submitting a “Request for Change to Cost of Attendance” form. Additional information is online at financialaid.tamu.edu/. No student will be denied admission to Texas A&M University based on an inability to purchase a computer.

Additional details and information relating to computing requirements are available at www.viz.tamu.edu/undergraduate/bachelor of science.

**Questions & Answers**

**Question:** What are my chances to be admitted into the BSV program?
**Answer:** The number of students admitted is limited by available space and faculty. Typically, that number ranges from 5 to 18 per year. The number of change of major applicants varies each semester.

**Question:** What criteria will be used to evaluate my application?
**Answer:** A committee composed of Visualization Department facility evaluate four criteria: overall GPR, courses taken and grades received in math and science courses, the written essay and an optional portfolio, if presented.

**Question:** Is a particular format required for the portfolio?
**Answer:** No. Works may be presented in any format. However, it is beneficial to indicate when the work was created, media(if not obvious), source or inspiration for the work. If original work is submitted, each piece should display the applicants name. Every effort will be made to return the portfolio but the Department cannot be responsible for original work submitted.

**Question:** If acceptance is denied, can I reapply next semester?
**Answer:** Yes. As the numbers of openings and applicants change each semester, you may reapply as often as you wish.

**Question:** Since I have taken a normal course load each semester, will I be able to graduate in four years?
**Answer:** The answer depends on the courses you have taken and the number of hours toward the BS in Visualization degree. The sequence of studios generally dictates the length of time to complete the degree. While each studio is not offered each semester, we do offer VIST 105, VIST 106 and ARTS 115 in the summer for successful applicants so they may start the fall semester in VIST 205. VIST 406 is generally offered in the summer for students that only lack that course to complete degree requirements.