Information for Transfer Applicants seeking to enter the Bachelor of Science in Visualization

Transfer applications are submitted to the University who determines if the applicant has met University entrance requirements. Listed below are the primary requirements specified in the University Catalog.

• Transfer applicants must have at least a 2.5 grade point ratio (GPR) on at least 24 graded semester hours of transferable coursework at the time of application to be considered.
• Students with less than a 2.5 GPR and/or less than 24 graded transferable hours will be denied admission.
• Transfer admission decisions are made by college and major and are competitive; thus, admission standards are not known until the review for admission occurs. Preference is given to the applicant with the highest grade point ratio (GPR) and the most courses completed in the Degree Track for the major designated on the application.
• Applicants who drop or withdraw from courses frequently and who do not achieve satisfactory grades routinely will be at a disadvantage in the review for admission.
• Spring grades may be used in the fall admission decision if received by June 1 and if space is still available in the intended major. A complete application must be on file by March 15, 2010, to be considered for admission. This is applicable to all U.S. citizens and international applicants studying in the U.S.
• The entire application, including essay topic A, is considered to identify admissible candidates.

Applications that meet these requirements are submitted to the individual colleges to determine if the applicant meets requirements for entry into a particular degree program. In the College of Architecture, decisions are made at the department level. In the Department of Visualization, the number of students admitted is based on the available space and will vary from application period to application period. All applications are reviewed by a committee composed of faculty within the Department of Visualization and evaluated based on GPR at previous institution, coursework in math and science, the written essay and an optional portfolio, if submitted.

Students are encouraged to submit a portfolio of work for evaluation. A maximum of 15 pieces may be submitted which reflects 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 or mailed to:

Mr. Leslie Feigenbaum  
Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs  
Langford A219  
3137 TAMU  
College Station, TX 77843-3137

Transfer students accepted into the Bachelor of Science in Visualization are encouraged to participate in a 10-week summer module offered by the Department of Visualization. The summer module provides an intensive first-year design studio sequence and support coursework that will enable transfer students to qualify for second year 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 Bachelor of Science in Visualization curriculum layout at [www.viz.tamu.edu/undergraduate/bachelor of science](http://www.viz.tamu.edu/undergraduate/bachelor of science) shows the recommended program of courses and the layout of the studio sequence.

Following admission, all transfer students are placed on a 2.5 GPR probation for a minimum of 12 credit hours to substantiate competency in required lower-level courses. Transfer students will be admitted into the college with a lower-level classification (VISL) and may apply for upper-level status upon completion of the requirements for upper level (VIST). See the current catalog for more information at [http://catalogs.tamu.edu](http://catalogs.tamu.edu).

For information concerning the required documents involved in transferring, go to [http://admissions.tamu.edu/transfer/gettingin/reqDocuments/default.aspx](http://admissions.tamu.edu/transfer/gettingin/reqDocuments/default.aspx)

### Domestic Student Transfers

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The application deadlines are listed below:

All required documents for students within the United States must be received by the following dates:

Spring: October 15  
Summer/Fall: March 15
International Student Transfers

Application deadlines for international students are listed below:

International Transfer Deadline for all documents must be received by:

Spring: August 1
Summer: November 1
Fall: February 1

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

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 inability to purchase a computer.

Additional details and information relating to computing requirements are available at www.viz.tamu.edu/undergrad/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 applicant’s 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.

**Question:** Should I try to complete all the core curriculum requirements prior to applying to Texas A&M University?

**Answer:** No. The time spent finishing the Bachelor of Science in Visualization degree is governed by the sequence of studio courses, not by the number of hours remaining. By completing the first-year studios and the last studio during summer, transfer students can complete the degree in 2 ½ years. Students are required to remain in the lower division (VIZL) for at least one year to complete course requirements for upper level.