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 the quality of the applicants. Typically, that number ranges from 5 to 15 per semester.

Question: What criteria will be used to evaluate my application?
Answer: A committee composed of Visualization Department faculty evaluate four criteria: overall GPR, courses taken and grades received in math and science courses, the written essay and an optional (but highly recommended) portfolio.

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. Original work should not be submitted as the Department cannot be responsible for returning the applicants work.

Question: If acceptance is denied, can I reapply next semester?
Answer: Yes. As the numbers of openings, number of applicants, and the quality of the applicants varies 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 applied toward the BS in Visualization degree. The sequence of studio courses generally dictates the length of time to complete the degree. While each studio is not offered each semester, VIST 205, 206, 305 and 405 are typically provided during the summer for students that desire to accelerate graduation.

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. The sequence of studios generally dictates the length
of time to complete the degree which required eight consecutive semesters of studios (beginning with catalog 141). However, upper level studios are offered during the summer which allow the student to compress that time frame from 8 semesters to 6 or 3 years by taking summer courses. Please see the program courses and organization to view the layout of the curriculum.

Question: The University classifies me as a Junior. Does that mean I should study away immediately?

Answer: No. Visualization refers to the student’s ‘class’ based on the studio they are in. Therefore, you could have Junior or even Senior hours and still be referred to a member of the freshman class.