



Department of Visualization College of Architecture

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

Transfer applications are submitted to the University which determines if the applicant has met University entrance requirements. Listed below are the primary requirements specified in the current 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 reviewed for admission. **Note:** the Department has increased this requirement to a 3.0 GPR.
- 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 may change from one semester to another. Preference is given to the applicant with the highest grade point ratio (GPR) and the most courses completed for the major designated on the application. See the College Specific Information for the college of the major for which you applied. **Note:** due to the nature of the studio sequence that cannot be taken at another institution, having more than 30 hours can require additional time to complete coursework.
- Applicants who drop or withdraw from courses frequently and who do not routinely achieve satisfactory grades will be at a disadvantage in the review for admission.
- Spring grades may be used in the fall admission decision if requested by the Academic College or in instances where the student did not meet the university requirements for review. Spring transcripts must be received by June 1 for review with spring grades. A complete application must be on file by March 1 to be considered for fall admission. Spring grade review is not an option for students studying outside 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 any additional admission requirements for 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 likely vary each semester. 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 30 pieces may be submitted which reflects the best work of the applicant. A variety of media/subjects is encouraged. 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. On-line portfolios may be submitted via a URL in the application. Physical portfolios may be submitted to Langford C418 or mailed to:

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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>.

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

Domestic Student Transfers

The application deadlines are listed below:

Application Term	Application Opening Date	Application Closing Date
Spring	August 1 st	October 15 th
Summer/Fall	January 1 st	March 15 th

Be aware that applications are not forwarded to the colleges until they are complete. It is your responsibility to insure that the required transcripts have been sent and received by the University.

International Student Transfers

Application deadlines for international students are different as are some admission requirements. See the current catalog at www.catalogs.tamu.edu for more information.

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 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. July 19, 2017