Admission Criteria
Applicants must have achieved above-average academic performance in their previous education. We have outlined the minimum academic requirements by country at: www.admissions.iastate.edu/intl/requirements.php. Please note that these are minimum requirements, not guarantees of admission. We may impose more rigorous requirements to meet the university’s enrollment needs.

Priority Deadlines
Applicants may apply up to one year in advance if they wish an early decision. The dates below refer to the last date that we will accept a complete application, which includes the application, fee, academic transcripts, the Financial Statement form and bank statements, and any English proficiency exam scores available at the time you apply. (Official English examination results will be accepted up to 30 days after the deadline.)

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English Proficiency Requirement
If English is not your primary and native language, please submit one of the following exams.

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Please upload copies of your test results as soon as they are available, and arrange for official scores to be sent from the testing center. (Your official English proficiency examination results may reach us no later than 30 days after the deadline.)

Conditional Admission Requirements
Otherwise qualified applicants who do not meet one of the above test score requirements may apply for conditional admission if they meet one of the following score minimums:
- IBT score of 55
- IELTS score of 5.5
- PTE Academic score of 42

How to Apply for Conditional Admission
On the application, you will be asked if you wish to join our Intensive English and Orientation Program (IEOP).

• If you do not want to join language studies at Iowa State, please answer “no” to that question. You will have 30 days after the deadline to submit the official English examination results.
• If you do want to join the IEOP, answer “yes” to that question, and an IEOP application will automatically be created for you for the upcoming semester, and you will be instructed to change your online undergraduate application to the following semester.

SAT/ACT Examinations
The SAT and ACT examinations are not required of applicants educated abroad, nor of transfer applicants. They are only required if you are graduating from an American high school. However, such scores do assist us in our admissions decision as well as helping us place you into appropriate first semester courses. Our School Codes for reporting SAT results is 6306 and 1320 for ACT.

Investigations of Examination Results
Iowa State reserves the right to have test results investigated if we have reason to suspect they are not accurate reflections of an applicant’s abilities. This includes results that show a wide divergence in scores from one test to another, or from one sub-score to another. Such investigations require at least 12 weeks, and admission review will be delayed until the investigation is complete.

Application requirements
In order to save you the time, effort, and expense of mailing supporting materials such as official academic records, examination results, and financial documentation, we allow you to upload those materials via our online application website. (Official and final academic records will have to be submitted if you are later admitted.)

Your Application Account
When setting up your online application account, you are asked to enter your name. Do not use a nickname. Please use the same format and spelling of your name that appears on your passport, as that name will be used to issue your I-20 visa eligibility form. If the name on your passport and the I-20 form are different, the U.S. Embassy will refuse your visa.

Application Fee
The online application requires a credit card payment. The nonrefundable application fee is $50. We regret that we are unable to offer any fee waivers.

Your Address
The US government requires international students requesting student visas to provide residential addresses, so do not use a P.O. box address. Also, we send overseas admission letters by express mail, and couriers will not deliver to P.O. boxes.
Previous College/University Attendance
If you are currently attending or have attended a post-secondary institution, you must list it on the application, regardless of whether you want it to be used in our admission or transfer credit decisions. Omitting such information is considered fraud, and will result in denial of your application or dismissal from Iowa State.

Summary of Required Supplemental Materials
Academic records, financial documents, official test results, and copy of passport.

Academic Records
Freshmen applicants should upload copies of their official high school academic records. Transfer applicants should upload copies of official academic records from all colleges or universities attended. Transfers who have been at a college/university for less than one year of full-time study should also upload their official high school records.

Please do NOT upload
- Web-based advising reports or online transcripts
- Transcripts labeled “unofficial” or “grade report”

English Translations
If your academic records are not in English, please include a certified English translation.

Other Materials
Iowa State uses only your academic records and test scores to determine your admissibility. We keep required materials to a minimum to increase our efficiency, so do not upload essays, letters of recommendation, merit certificates or other materials.

Finances
An estimate of annual educational and living expenses is available on our website here. This amount that will be listed on the I-20 form, so your sponsor(s) must certify that they are willing and able to provide that amount annually for the duration of your study.

Your financial sponsors should complete the Financial Statement by indicating the total amount money they will make available to you annually and how many years it will be provided. For example, if they will support you for 4 years, they should check the box beside the 4. (If you are transferring credits to Iowa State, it would be wise to plan for one year longer than you expect.) Your sponsor must also include a statement from their bank(s) showing that they have the first year’s funds in the bank. Both the Financial Statement Form and the bank documents should be uploaded together as “Financial Statement.”

Managing Your Scanned Documents
If you do not have all the required documents available when you apply, you can go back to your account at a later time to upload additional documents. You will see a link to “Managing Your Documents.” Click on that to return to the upload screen.

Difficulty in Uploading/Scanning
We understand that not all applicants have the ability to prepare scanned legible documents for upload to the online application system. Your application will receive full consideration as long as all required materials are received by the deadline. (Your official English proficiency examination results may reach us no later than 30 days after the deadline.) Our mailing address is: Iowa State University, Office of Admissions, 100 Enrollment Services Center, Ames, IA 50011-2011 USA.

What Happens Next
We will review your application for admission on the basis of your uploaded documents. Depending on the time of year you submit your application, a decision may require several weeks. (Applications submitted right before the deadline require a much longer processing time due to the volume of applications received then.) If you are admitted, we will send you an admission offer letter and the I-20 Form. Your admission will be conditional upon our receipt of official hard copies of your final academic records by the deadline indicated in the letter of admission.

Communicating With Us
In the interest of efficiency, we ask that you keep your e-mail inquiries to a minimum. Please include your name (as written on your application) and your date of birth in all messages. Also, please send your e-mail only to admissions@iastate.edu. Do not send duplicate messages to multiple staff members.

Working with Educational Agents
Iowa State does not have contractual agreements with any educational agents. If you are working with an educational agent, please be aware that you are held responsible for all information that is submitted on your behalf. Please check that all forms and transcripts uploaded or sent on your behalf are truthful, complete and accurate.

Note: Please instruct your agent to enter a unique e-mail address when completing your application. They cannot complete our application using an e-mail address that they have used on another student’s applications, as our online system will not accept it. Also, we send important information to our prospective students via e-mail. If you do not provide your personal e-mail address on the application, instruct your agent to forward all of our e-mail correspondence to you.