

International Undergraduate Application Instructions

When to Apply

Early applicants have the best chance to obtain their preferred major, scholarships, and housing preferences. Applications may be submitted up to one year in advance. Please note: The dates below refer to our receipt of the complete application packet, which includes the application, fee, official transcripts, and all required test scores.

	Priority Dates		Deadlines	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Freshmen	Jan 1	Aug 1	Mar 1	Sept 1
Transfers	Dec 1	July 1	Feb 1	Aug 1

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 sent on your behalf are truthful, complete and accurate. We send important information to our prospective students via e-mail. Please make sure all agents are instructed to forward all our e-mail correspondence to you.

Application Form

It is very important that you use the same spelling of your name as appears on your passport, as it is used to issue your I-20 Form. If the names on your passport and on the I-20 form are different, the U.S. Embassy will refuse your visa application.

Application Fee

The nonrefundable application fee is \$50 (\$57 for online applicants). We prefer that you apply online and use your credit card to pay the application fee. If you wish to pay by check, you must print the application and attach your check (which must be drawn on a U.S. bank) to your application form. Do not send it separately.

Academic Requirements

We have outlined specific academic requirements for admission for most countries on our website at: www.admissions.iastate.edu/intl/requirements.php. Please note that these are minimum requirements, and we reserve the right to use more rigorous requirements if necessary to meet the university's enrollment needs.

Important note: 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 please **do not** send essays, letters of recommendation, honor certificates or other materials.

Academic Records

Please send us the official academic records of your high school or college that are available now, even if you are not finished with school. We will determine your admissibility on the basis of that record if possible. (If admitted, final official academic records will be required before you will be able to take classes.) If your original academic record is difficult to replace, the registrar or principal from the original issuing institution may make a photocopy of your official record, and certify that it is a true copy of the original. This is done by placing the institution's official stamp or seal and his/her signature on it after photocopying. (Records certified by lecturers, professors, or any other person who does not hold primary responsibility for maintaining the academic records of the institution will not be accepted. Faxed or scanned copies are not accepted.) English translations do not need to be official, but they must be literal.

High School Course Report

If you are applying as a freshman (i.e., you have not begun university study) please complete the *High School Course Report* form. (Submission of this form is **optional**, but does assist us in determining your admissibility.)

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.

SAT/ACT Examinations

The SAT and ACT examinations are not required if you are graduating from a non-American high school or are a transfer applicant. But if you will graduate from an American high school, you must submit official scores from either the SAT or ACT. Our School Code is 6306 for SAT and 1320 for ACT.

Investigations of Examination Results

Iowa State reserves the right to have any test results investigated if it has reason to suspect it is not an accurate reflection of the 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 6-8 weeks, and admission review will be delayed until the investigation is complete.

English Requirement

Iowa State's minimum English proficiency requirement may be met with one of the following exams. Only **official** test scores are accepted. Scanned copies and Web results are not official. Our TOEFL School Code is 6306. IELTS scores must be sent directly to the Office of Admissions from the test center.

1. **TOEFL IBT score of 71** (minimum score of 17 in the Speaking and Writing sections)
2. **TOEFL PBT 530**
3. **IELTS score of 6.0** (minimum score of 5.5 in all sub-sections)
4. **SAT Critical Reading score of 420**

Conditional Admission

Otherwise qualified applicants who do not meet one of the above test scores may be reviewed for conditional admission. Please indicate you are applying for conditional admission by answering question #10 on the application.

1. Students who are otherwise well-qualified, but have not yet met the university's English proficiency requirement will be issued letters of conditional admission.
2. Students with minimum scores of IBT 55, PBT 477, or IELTS scores of 5.5 will be allowed to apply for Iowa State's Intensive English and Orientation Program (IEOP). More information on that program is available at www.ieop.iastate.edu.
3. Students with scores lower than IBT 55, PBT 477, or IELTS 5.5 cannot apply to Iowa State's IEOP. They may enroll elsewhere for English language study and use our letter of conditional admission to assist them in obtaining visa.

Undergraduate Financial Statement

Your financial sponsors must indicate the total amount of funds available to you annually under Source of Funds and how many years they can provide it. 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. Note: Only the first year of funds needs to be documented with a bank statement.

Application Status

Due to the volume of applications we receive, we cannot respond to requests to confirm arrival of your materials. If you have sent materials to us by express mail service, please use their tracking system to confirm that your materials have been received rather than contacting us for confirmation.

We will do our utmost to process your application in a timely manner, but our large volume causes long processing delays. **Our processing may require 6-10 weeks after arrival of your complete application packet, including transcripts and test scores, so please plan accordingly.**

Communicating By E-mail

Our staff receives hundreds of e-mail inquiries daily, which prevents them from processing applications, thereby delaying action on your application. Please keep your e-mail inquiries to a minimum, and wait 8-10 weeks before contacting us. Please include the following in any message:

- your surname (as written on your application)
- your given name
- your date of birth

This will allow us to find your file quickly. Also, please send your e-mail only to admissions@iastate.edu. **Do not send duplicate messages to multiple staff members.** All staff members have access to that e-mail folder, and inquiries to that address have priority.

All materials mailed to the Office of Admissions should be sent to the following address:

**Iowa State University
Office of Admissions
100 Enrollment Services Center
Ames, IA 50011-2011 USA**

Telephone: 1 515 294-5836
Fax: 1 515 294-2592
E-mail: admissions@iastate.edu

Iowa State University requests the information on the application for the purpose of making an admission decision about you. No persons outside the university are routinely provided information from it except those items that are defined as public information. Responses to items marked "optional" are optional; responses to all other items are required. If you fail to provide the required information, the university may not consider your application. Iowa State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, marital status, disability, or status as a US veteran. Inquiries can be directed to the Director of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, 3210 Beardshear Hall, (515) 294-7612.