Admission Requirements for Students Educated in Eritrea

Please note: These are minimum requirements. The university reserves the right to enforce higher requirements as needed without notice to meet the university’s enrollment needs.

Freshman Applicants

Minimum High School Course Preparation
- 4 years of native language
- 3 years of mathematics (including beginning algebra, geometry and advanced algebra)
- 3 years of science (including one year each of two of the following: biology, chemistry, or physics)
- 2 years of social studies [3 years for applicants to our College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS)]
- Applicants to majors in the LAS and Engineering colleges must have 2 years of a single foreign language (English may be used).

Minimum Academic Requirements
- Applicants must complete the Eritrean Secondary Education Certificate Examination (ESECE) in the academic stream of upper secondary studies.
- Applicants must have a grade average of 70/100 in academic subjects and passes in English, mathematics, two sciences, and one social science.
- The following subjects are not included in the grade average: art, military training, music, IT, ideological or religious subjects, labor/vocational study, and physical education.

Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT)
- The SAT is not required for admission to Iowa State for students educated in non-American patterned schools.

Transfer Applicants

Minimum academic requirements
A minimum transfer cumulative grade point average at university of 2.30/4.00 is required for applicants to all majors except engineering, for which a 2.75/4.00 is required.