Admission Requirements for Students
Educated in the Gambia

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
- Students are required to have a 5 passes (grades 1-6 or A, B, and C) on the Senior Secondary Certificate in the following academic subjects: English, mathematics, two laboratory sciences (choose from biology, chemistry, or physics) and at least one social science. Only one C grade is allowed. Statements of results are no longer accepted. Students must submit embossed certificates issued by the WAEC, and provide scratch card information for verification.

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 cumulative grade point average of 2.75 (out of a possible 4.00) in all transferable courses is required for engineering applicants; a 2.30 is required for applicants to other majors. If school awards grades in percentages, corresponding required percentages are 50% for engineering, 45% for other majors.
- Students attending higher national diploma programs should be aware that transfer credits are not awarded for vocationally-oriented subjects.