Admission Requirements for Students Educated in South Korea

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)
- 2 years of social studies
- 3 years of science (including one year each of two of the following: biology, chemistry, or physics)
- Students applying for curricula within our College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) are required to have 1 more year of social studies. Applicants to both LAS and the College of Engineering must have 2 years of a single foreign language (English may be used).

Minimum academic requirements
- If the school provides the students rank or level of standing on a scale of 1-9, the student must have an average no higher than 4.0 for consideration. If the school does not provide the rank or level of standing, applicants should have a cumulative grade point average of 80% (or 80%) in all academic subjects. (The following subjects are not included in the CGPA: military training, national ethics, religion, art, music, industry, commerce, careers, home economics, and PE.)
- Iowa State requires the official academic record in Korean and an English translation done by the school. Translations by Notary Publics are not accepted.

SAT and ACT
- Neither the SAT or ACT is not required for admission to Iowa State for students educated in non-American patterned high 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.

Global Assessment Certificate: Iowa State awards transfer credit for the completed GAC program provided students meet the above GPA requirement.