Admission Requirements for Students Educated in Sri Lanka

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 English
- 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 curricula in our College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (LAS)
- 2 years of a single foreign language (English may be used for students for whom English is not their first language) for applicants to LAS or Engineering Colleges.

Minimum Academic Requirements
- Students are required to have 5 Ordinary passes in academic subjects with grades of A, B, or C. Academic subjects should include English, Mathematics, Social Studies & History (or another social science), and Science and Technology. At least two B's are expected.
- Two Advanced-Level passes are required. If Biology, Chemistry, or Physics are not passed at A-Level, an Ordinary pass in Chemistry, Physics, or Biology is recommended.
- Advanced standing is awarded for most A-level passes.

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
- Students transferring from the American Center of Higher Education must also meet the Ordinary Level requirements listed above. Subject passed at both A-level and at ACHE will not receive duplicate transfer credit.
- A minimum transfer cumulative grade point average of B- (2.75) in all transferable courses is required for engineering applicants; a C+ (2.30) for applicants to other majors.

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