Admission Requirements for Students Educated in Zambia

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 the Zambian School Certificate with passes in at least 5 academic subjects including at least one pass in English, one in mathematics, one in a social science and two in sciences. Passes should be at Merit Level (Grade 5-6) or lower.

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 of B (Very Satisfactory) in all transferable courses is required for engineering applicants; a C+ (Definite Pass) is the absolute minimum for applicants to other majors.