Admission Requirements for Students
Educated in Costa Rica

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.

Freshmen Applicants

Minimum high school course preparation
- 4 years of Spanish
- 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 have a B or 75% cumulative grade point average in academic subjects at secondary level. The following subjects are not included in CGPA: music appreciation, physical education, vocational/technical courses or religious subjects.

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- (7.5) in all transferable courses is required for engineering applicants; a C+ (6.6) is the minimum for applicants to other majors.

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