Admission Requirements for Students Educated in El Salvador

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 earn the bachiller with a 6.7 cumulative grade point average in academic subjects. The following subjects are not included in CGPA: art, music, 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
At institutions where 6 is the lowest passing grade, a minimum transfer cumulative grade point average of 6.75 in all transferable courses is required for engineering applicants; and a 6.30 for applicants to other majors. If 7 is the lowest passing grade, a 7.75 is required for engineers, and a 7.30 for all other majors.