Admission Requirements for Students Educated in Hong Kong

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 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 3 years of a single foreign language (English may be used).

Minimum academic requirements

- Students who have taken the HKDSE must have passed all Category A subjects with a cumulative average at least 3.7.
- Category A subjects must have been passed with grades of 3 or higher. The following subjects are required: Chinese language, English, math, liberal studies, at least one laboratory subject (biology, chemistry, or physics) and one social studies (Chinese history, economics, geography, or history). If selected from Category C, a grade of E or higher is expected.

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 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.
- Students transferring from diploma programs should be aware that vocationally-oriented subjects are not accepted for transfer to Iowa State.

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