Admission Requirements for Students Educated in Malaysia

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

Minimum academic requirements
- Students are required to have five SPM or CUE passes in the above subjects, with grades of A1 to C6. At least two B’s are expected.
- Students who have taken the STPM are expected to pass in two principal subjects, and will be awarded approximately 6–10 semester credits for each principal pass.
- Mock results may be used for conditional admissions decisions if the grades are sufficiently high.

SAT and ACT
- Neither the SAT or ACT is not required for admission to Iowa State for students educated in non-American patterned high 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 attending American-patterned colleges are required to meet the freshman admission requirements as well as the transfer requirements.

Global Assessment Certificate: Iowa State awards transfer credit for the completed GAC program provided students meet the above GPA requirement.