Admission Requirements for Students Educated in Nicaragua

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 have a B- or (or 70 out of 100) cumulative grade point average in academic subjects at secondary level. The following subjects are not included in the CGPA: character development, work and occupational education, music, home economics, and physical education.
- Students who do not meet the CGPA requirement above but who rank in the top half of their high school graduating class will be given consideration upon receipt of their official rank from the school.

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 B- (80 out of 100) in all transferable courses is required for engineering applicants; a C+ (70 out of 100) is the minimum for applicants to other majors.