Admission Requirements for Students Educated in the Philippines

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
- Students are expected to present an official copy of their High School Permanent Record (DECS Form 137A) at the time they apply, and the High School Report Card (Form 138-A) when it becomes available.
- A cumulative grade of 80% (B-) in academic subjects is required.

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 2.50 or B- (where 1 is the highest grade and 5 is the lowest) in all transferable courses is required for engineering applicants; a 2.75 or C+ is required for applicants to other majors.
- The program from which you transfer must be recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to be considered for transfer credit, and a detailed syllabus is required for all courses taken at postsecondary level.
- Transfer credit is not awarded for pre-baccalaureate programs taken at universities.

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