Admission Requirements for Students Educated in the United Arab Emirates

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 (80%) cumulative grade point average in academic subjects.
- The following subjects are not included in the cumulative GPA: music, art, 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
- A minimum transfer cumulative grade point average of B- (77%) in all transferable courses is required for engineering applicants; a C+ (73%) is the minimum for applicants to other majors.