Admission Requirements for Students Educated in Australia

Please note: These are minimum requirements intended to give a general sense of admissibility to Iowa State University (ISU). An official admission decision will be made upon receipt of a completed application with all required supporting documents and fees.

English Proficiency
- Please refer to admissions.iastate.edu/intl for minimum English proficiency requirements.

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 2 years of courses which emphasize elements of 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 if it is not the native language).

Minimum Academic Requirements
- Applicants should earn the appropriate school leaving certificate and achieve the corresponding minimum scores in academic subjects (listed below). An admission decision may be made based on transcripts for years 9 - 11 before the completion of the 12th year.
  - Australia Capital Territory Senior Secondary Certificate (CGPA of B, 4/5)
  - New South Wales Higher School Certificate and Record of Achievement (CGPA of B, 70/100)
  - Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Record of Achievement (CGPA of B, 14/20)
  - Queensland Certificate of Education and Senior Statement (CGPA of B)
  - South Australian Certificate of Education and Record of Achievement (CGPA of B, 14/20)
    - Used by applicants from the Northern Territory as well.
  - Tasmanian Certificate of Education and Statement of Marks (CGPA of B and/or CA)
  - Victorian Certificate of Education and Statement of Results (CGPA of C)
  - Western Australia Certificate of Education and Statement of Results (CGPA of B, 65/100)
- Applicants should submit complete final official transcripts of years 9 - 12 confirming high school completion before being allowed to enroll at ISU.

Standardized Admission Testing: ACT/SAT
- ISU is “test optional”. The ACT/SAT is not required for admission to ISU for international applicants. Applicants may choose whether or not to submit ACT/SAT scores if they have them. Submitted scores may be used by ISU for admissions purposes, course placement and scholarship decisions.
Transfer Applicants

Minimum Academic Requirements

- A minimum equivalent GPA of C+ on a scale of A to F or 2.25 on a 4.0 scale for all transferable courses. If there are less than 24 transferable credits, high school transcripts will also be required, and ACT/SAT scores may be considered if available.

- Complete and comprehensive official academic records are required. Syllabi for all transferable courses are required for the transfer credit evaluation process. This process will determine the number of transferable courses/credits that will be applied towards the student’s major at ISU. Academic records and syllabi must be issued by the institution, and must either be issued in English, or issued in the language of instruction and include a certified English translation.