

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Admission Requirements for Students Educated in Costa Rica

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](https://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

- A minimum equivalent GPA of B on a scale of A to F or 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
  - 8 out of 10 in Costa Rica
- An admission decision may be made based on transcripts for the 3 years before the final year of high school along with other required supporting documents.
- Applicants should achieve the *Bachillerato/Bachiller, or its equivalent*, and submit complete final official transcripts confirming completion of high school 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: 65% in Costa Rica. 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.