Admission Requirements for Students Educated in Nigeria

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 required to have a 5 passes (grades 1-6 or A, B, and C) on the Senior Secondary Certificate in the following academic subjects: English, mathematics, two laboratory sciences (choose from biology, chemistry, or physics) and at least one social science. Only one C grade is allowed. Statements of results are no longer accepted. Students must submit embossed certificates issued by the WAEC or the NECO, and provide scratch card information for verification.

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 2.75 (out of a possible 4.00) in all transferable courses is required for engineering applicants; a 2.30 is required for applicants to other majors. If school awards grades in percentages, corresponding required percentages are 50% for engineering, 45% for other majors.
- Students attending higher national diploma programs should be aware that transfer credits are not awarded for vocationally-oriented subjects.