Admission Requirements for Students Educated in China

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 advance algebra)
- 3 years of science (including one year each of two of the following: biology, chemistry or physics)
- 2 years of social studies
- Students applying for curricula within our College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) are required to have 1 more year of social studies. Applicants to both LAS and the College of Engineering must have 2 years of a single foreign language (English may be used).

**Minimum Academic requirements**
- Applicants must have a cumulative average of 80% in the following subjects: English, Chinese, mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, politics, history, and geography. Grades on the following subjects are not included in this average: art, music, fine arts, physical education, military training, technology, and vocational/technical courses.
- Applicants educated in non-Chinese high schools (i.e., British, Canadian, American, or Australian-style high schools) must meet the admission requirements set for those countries.

**SAT and ACT**
- The SAT or ACT is not required for admission to Iowa State for students educated in non-American patterned high schools.

**Transfer Applicants**

**Minimum academic requirements**
- A minimum transfer cumulative grade point average of 2.75/4.00 in all transferable courses is required for engineering applicants; a 2.3 is the minimum for applicants to other majors. Having the minimum grade point average does not guarantee admission.
- Transfer credit will be considered only for benke programs taken at institutions which are recognized by the Chinese Ministry of Education.
- Iowa State does not award transfer credit for diploma (zhuanke) programs. Therefore, students in such programs must also meet the freshman admission requirements.

**Global Assessment Certificate:** Iowa State awards transfer credit for the completed GAC program provided students meet the above freshman and transfer GPA requirements.