Admission Requirements for Students Educated in Saudi Arabia

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.

Freshmen 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
- 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 an overall average of 80% in academic subjects at secondary level.
- The following subjects are not included in CGPA: conduct and attendance, home economics, physical education, 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- (80% or higher) in all transferable courses is required for engineering applicants; a C+ (77% or higher) is the minimum for applicants to other majors.
- Please be aware that transfer credit is not awarded for the Preparatory Year of studies at colleges and universities in Saudi Arabia, nor for courses taken in vocational-technically oriented programs.