

Admission Requirements for Students Educated in Sierra Leone

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

- Applicants must complete the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) in an academic track of upper secondary studies.
- Applicants must have passes in English, mathematics, two sciences, and one social science, and an aggregate of the best 6 subjects of 18 or less.
- The following subjects are not included in the grade average: art, computer science, military training, music, IT, ideological or religious subjects, labor/vocational study, and physical education.

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 average in university courses of **3.3/5.0 or 45%** is required for applicants to all majors except engineering, for which a **4.0/5.0 or 50%** is required.