Admission Requirements for Students Educated in Singapore

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 must complete one of the following:
  - The Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education GCE Ordinary Level.
  - The Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education GCE Advanced Level.
  - The International Baccalaureate Diploma (average grade of 4 required).
- Passes are required to have 5 GCE passes in the academic subjects listed above. If A-levels taken, passes in two H2 subjects are required.
- Mock results may be used for conditional admissions decisions if the grades are sufficiently high.

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 average of 2.75 (out of a possible 4.00) in all transferable courses is required for engineering applicants; a 2.30 average is required for applicants to other majors.
- Students transferring from the Polytechnics should be aware that vocationally-oriented subjects are not accepted for transfer to Iowa State.