

Admission Requirements for Students Educated in South Africa

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 have earned a National Senior Certificate (NSC)
- The NSC must show passes in the following subjects: One Home or First Additional Language, English, Mathematics (NOT Mathematical Literacy), one subject chosen from Human and Social Studies, and either Life Sciences, Chemistry, or Physics.
- The student must have an overall aggregate average of 60% in the above 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- or Second Class (Division One) pass in all transferable courses is required for engineering applicants; a C+ or Second Class (Division Two) pass is the minimum for applicants to other majors.