We are thrilled you have chosen to visit the Iowa State University campus. We hope this visit provides you with the information you need to discover if Iowa State is the right fit for you.

While in Ames, I invite you to explore our campus and community. You will find Ames is a great city in which to learn, live, work, and play.

The City of Ames and Iowa State University work together to ensure students’ needs are met. One example is CyRide, the Ames public transportation system. CyRide is recognized as one of the safest and most effective systems in the country and provides fare-free bus service to students on campus and throughout the Ames community.

If you have questions about Iowa State or Ames, please feel free to ask!

Again, we welcome you to our city and our campus. Enjoy your visit!

Kristin Chapman  
Assistant Director, Campus Visits

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Ames Facts

Population
Ames: 67,154  
Story County: 98,105  
Iowa: 3,156,145  

*Based on Census Bureau data
Beneath the small town charm of Ames, Iowa, beats the heart of a much larger city. A city that has become a player in developing the world’s bio-economic future. A city with top-quality education, from kindergarten through grad school. A city that regularly draws performers like Chance the Rapper, Dan + Shay, and Chelsea Peretti, along with international symphonies and Broadway musicals. A city with hundreds of acres of parks, numerous bike paths, and cultural festivals and celebrations. A city that’s ranked the 3rd best college town in the nation.
Come and stay.

Ames has more than 1,400 hotel rooms to choose from and all of them within miles of the action. Whether you want to be near the entertainment at Hilton Coliseum or Stephens Auditorium or in the heart of the Iowa State campus, Ames has a number of great places to stay.

**HOTELS**

- **AmericInn**
  2507 SE 16th St // 515 233-1005

- **Ames Motor Lodge Motel**
  202 E Lincoln Way // 515 233-4516

- **Baymont Inn & Suites**
  1605 S Dayton Pl // 515 337-2751

- **Best Western Plus University Park Inn & Suites**
  2500 University Blvd // 515 296-2500

- **Comfort Inn & Suites**
  603 S 16th St // 515 663-9555

- **Country Inn & Suites**
  56461 180th St // 515 233-3935

- **Days Inn**
  229 S Duff Ave // 515 203-3080

- **Econo Lodge**
  2600 SE 16th St // 515 233-6060

- **Fairfield Inn & Suites**
  1407 University Blvd // 515 294-2710

- **Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites**
  2600 E 13th St // 515 232-2300

- **Iowa House Historic Inn**
  405 Hayward Ave // 515 292-2474

- **Microtel Inn & Suites**
  2216 SE 16th St // 515 337-2748

- **Quality Inn & Suites Starlite Conference Center**
  2601 E 13th St // 515 232-9260

- **Radisson Hotel Ames Conference Center**
  2609 University Blvd // 515 268-8808

- **Red Roof Inn**
  1400 S Dayton Pl // 515 239-9999

- **Sleep Inn & Suites**
  1310 Dickinson Ave // 712 262-2979

- **Super 8**
  1418 S Dayton Pl // 515 232-6510

- **TownPlace Suites**
  1523 S Dayton Pl // 515 232-5500

- **Seven Oaks Recreation**
  1086 22nd Drive // Boone, IA // 515 432-9457

- **High Trestle Trail Bridge**
  Madrid, IA // 515 795-3880

- **Ledges State Park**
  1515 P Avenue // Madrid, IA // 515 432-1852

**Things to see and do.**

Ames is a great place to stay busy. From live music venues to outdoor activities and arts and culture, whatever your interest there is always something to do.

**ATTRACTIONS**

- **Reiman Gardens**
  1407 University Blvd // 515 294-2710

- **Main Street Cultural District**
  304 Main Street // 515 233-3472

- **Furman Aquatic Center**
  1635 13th Street // 515 232-7665

- **Ada Hayden Heritage Park**
  5205 Grand Avenue

- **Center Grove Orchard**
  32835 610th Avenue // Cambridge, IA // 515 383-4354

- **Seven Oaks Recreation**
  1086 22nd Drive // Boone, IA // 515 432-9457

- **High Trestle Trail Bridge**
  Madrid, IA // 515 795-3880

- **Ledges State Park**
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Dine and sip our award-winning water.

Ames offers a plate and a taste for all its visitors, including many regional and national restaurants that you have come to enjoy at home or on the road.

### LOCAL RESTAURANTS

- Arcadia Café
- Aunt Maude’s
- Bar La Tosca
- Brick City Grill
- Buford’s Steakhouse & BBQ
- Burgie’s Coffee and Tea Company
- Café Beaudelaire
- Café Diem, Coffee House
- Café Milo
- Carlos Quesadillas
- Cornbread Barbecue
- Downtown Deli
- Dublin Bay Irish Pub and Grill
- El Azteca
- Es Tas Bar and Grill
- Flame and Skewer
- Ge-Angelo’s Italian Restaurant
- Grandpa Noodle Gallery
- The Great Plains Sauce and Dough Company
- Grove Cafe
- Hickory Park Restaurant Co.
- House of Chen
- HyVee Market Grille
- Indian Delights
- The IowaStater Restaurant
- Jeff’s Pizza
- Kingpin Pizza
- Little Taipei
- Los Altos Mexican
- May House
- The Mongolian Buffet
- Mr Burrito
- Mucky Duck Pub/Ames British Foods
- Open Flame Steak & Lounge
- Provisions Lot F
- Shogun Japanese Steakhouse
- Stomping Grounds Café
- Szechuan House
- Thai Kitchen
- The Café
- The Spice Thai Cuisine
- Van Hemert’s Dutch Oven Bakery
- Wallaby’s Bar & Grille
- West Street Deli
- West Towne Pub

### NATIONAL RESTAURANTS

- Applebee’s
- Arby’s
- B-Bops
- Blaze Pizza
- Boulder Tap House
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Burger King
- Chick-fil-A
- Chipotle Mexican Grill
- Chocolaterie Stam
- Cookies Etc.
- Culver’s
- Dairy Queen
- Domino’s
- Dunkin’ Donuts
- Erbert & Gerbert’s
- Fazoli’s
- Firehouse Subs
- Five Guys Burgers and Fries
- Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakburgers
- Fuji Japanese Steakhouse
- Fuzzy’s Taco Shop
- HuHot
- Insomnia Cookies
- Jethro’s BBQ Steak n’ Chop
- Jimmy Johns
- Little Caesars Pizza
- McDonald’s
- Noodles & Company
- Old Chicago
- Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt
- Papa John’s Pizza
- Pancheros Mexican Grill
- Panda Express
- Panera Bread
- PepperJax Grill
- Perkins
- Pizza Hut
- Pizza Pit
- Pizza Ranch
- Potbelly Sandwich Shop
- Red Lobster
- Smokin’ Oak Wood-Fired Pizza
- Starbucks
- Subway
- Taco Bell
- Taco John’s
- TacoTime
- Texas Roadhouse
- Tropical Smooth Café
- Village Inn
- Wendy’s
- Wing Stop

### Ames History

The city was founded in 1864 as a station stop on the Cedar Rapids and Missouri Railroad. Ames was named after 19th century U.S. congressman Oakes Ames of Massachusetts, who was influential in the building of the transcontinental railroad.
**Campus visits.**

All college campuses look alike, or do they? You might begin to think differently after stepping foot on Iowa State’s campus. Nestled on more than 1,900 acres you’ll find one of the most beautiful college campuses in the country. And we’re not just saying that!

**DAILY CAMPUS VISIT**

A daily campus visit is a great way to know if Iowa State is the right fit for you. A visit to campus includes a Preview of Iowa State presentation, a campus tour, and a residence hall tour. On most weekdays, we can arrange a visit with an adviser or professor in the academic area of your choice.

Other activities can be arranged according to your special interest. You may choose to meet with staff from the University Honors Program, ROTC program, and Women in Science and Engineering.

For more information, visit admissions.iastate.edu/visit/daily.php.

**EXPERIENCE IOWA STATE**

The Experience Iowa State program includes all the events that take place during a daily campus visit and more!

Feel what it’s like to be a student. Talk to a panel of Iowa State students and find out what makes Iowa State so special. Tour areas of campus and see for yourself why Iowa State has been named one of the most beautiful campuses in the country.

For more information, visit admissions.iastate.edu/visit/eis.php.

Iowa State’s central campus was one of only three colleges to receive the American Society of Landscape Architects medallion award given to outstanding landscape sites.

**Tips for a good visit.**

**Schedule your visit** at least 10 days in advance. This allows us to follow up on your request and email you confirmation materials to help you prepare for your visit.

**Check the Ames weather forecast before you come.** Our campus visit does include a lot of walking. We suggest you wear comfortable shoes and dress appropriately for the weather, as we will be outside quite a bit.

**Review your itinerary.** Double check your schedule and directions before leaving home.

**Prepare a list of questions.** Take advantage of the time you’ll have with current students and academic advisers.

**Be ready for an exciting adventure!**

**GETTING HERE**

Traveling to Ames is easy: by car from north or south, use Interstate 35; east-west travelers use Interstate 80. By air, many commercial and commuter airlines serve the Des Moines International Airport.
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