

Admission Requirements for Students Educated in Switzerland

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 Swiss Federal Maturity Certificate or Federally Recognized Cantonal Maturity Certificate in an academic track of upper secondary studies.
- Applicants must have an overall average of 4.5 in their academic subjects.
- 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 **D on the ECTS grading system** is required for applicants to all majors except engineering, for which an **average between D/C** is required.