

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	89
Fire Safety Rating	73
Green Rating	60*
Type of school	public
Environment	town

## STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	21,607
% male/female	56/44
% from out of state	23
% from public high school	91
% live on campus	40
% in (# of) fraternities	10.6 (28)
% in (# of) sororities	12.2 (15)
% African American	3
% Asian	3
% Caucasian	84
% Hispanic	3
% international	4
# of countries represented	106

## SURVEY SAYS . . .

*Low cost of living*

*Student publications are popular  
(Almost) no one smokes*

## ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	72
Calendar	semester
Student/faculty ratio	15.6:1
Profs interesting rating	62
Profs accessible rating	68
% classes taught by TAs	14
Most common reg class size	20–29 students
Most common lab size	20–29 students

## MOST POPULAR MAJORS

management science  
marketing/marketing management  
mechanical engineering

## STUDENTS SAY “. . .”

### Academics

Iowa State University holds true to its initial mission of providing affordable, practical education with a special focus on agriculture. Today, the school remains “a great agriculture school” with “a great food science program” and a strong pre-veterinary program. Students also proudly tout its status as “one of the top engineering schools” in the region (offering noteworthy support for women engineers) and the home to a “strong architecture program.” Students praise this “large university with a small-town feel,” telling us that “I felt like I could find a home here and be exposed to almost limitless opportunities.” Throughout the curriculum, “There are a lot of opportunities for student research and ‘hands on’ learning”; so many, in fact, that some students claim ISU is “the best ‘outside of class’ university in the nation.” Undergrads also appreciate a strong support network; one explains, “There are so many services on campus to help students, it is almost unreal. From tutoring to study sessions and counseling to mock interviews and resume building, ISU offers a wide variety of services to students.” The faculty “is one of ISU’s strengths. If students take a chance and get to know their professors and other staff members, they make a great professional connection [with someone who] will bend over backwards, whether it be as a professional reference or helping fund a trip. The faculty really is here for students.” Likewise, career services “are excellent” and offer such pluses as “one of the largest engineering career fairs.”

### Life

“Life at Iowa State can be as great as you want to make it,” with more than “600 clubs and organizations” plus “a large intramural program, great crowds at athletic events, various free events, and many ways to get involved in leadership positions.” Intercollegiate athletics are quite popular; “There’s always a great turnout for big events,” and “Oftentimes the discussions around campus are [about] football or other sports. Very rarely do you find a group of people discussing world issues.” Just for fun students enjoy recreational and surrounding community activities. “Hometown Ames is no bustling metropolis; the population “doubles with students around, and the city has adapted to this increase. That said, there is always plenty to do throughout the year. Many students take advantage of the dollar theater (which is actually \$1.50) or attend events on campus.” Ames also has some “unique restaurants,” and Cyride (the bus system that is operated by the city and university) offers students free transportation to mostly everywhere in Ames.” Students agree that “the campus is really beautiful.”

### Student Body

As at many big schools, “It is hard to describe a typical student at Iowa State because there are many styles of students.” “Every stereotype is here; sorority girl/frat boy, farmer kid, international student, nerd, computer geek, socially awkward, [and] goth. Iowa State has every kind of person.” Iowa is a conservative state, and ISU has a large agricultural student population. The “population of out-of-state students seems to be growing,” and “there is a diversity of international students” filling out the ranks as well, so most students can find a niche at ISU, and fortunately “Everyone here is laid-back and easygoing,” so the overall vibe is live-and-let-live.

## THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

### Admissions

*Very important factors considered include:* Class rank, academic GPA, rigor of secondary school record, standardized test scores. *Other factors considered include:* Application essay, recommendation(s), character/personal qualities, extracurricular activities, geographical residence, interview, state residency, talent/ability, volunteer work, work experience. SAT or ACT required; TOEFL required of all international applicants. High school diploma is required and GED is accepted. *Academic units required:* 4 English, 3 mathematics, 3 science, (2 science labs), 2 foreign language, 2 social studies. *Academic units recommended:* 4 English, 4 mathematics, 4 science, (3 science labs), 3 foreign language, 4 social studies.

### Financial Aid

*Students should submit:* FAFSA. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after 1/1. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* Federal Pell, SEOG, state scholarships/grants, the school's own gift aid. *Loan aid offered:* Direct Subsidized Stafford, Direct Unsubsidized Stafford, Direct PLUS, Federal Perkins, state loans, college/university loans from institutional funds, Private alternative loans. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning 4/1. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available. Off-campus job opportunities are excellent.

### The Inside Word

Admission to ISU is formula-driven and based on: ACT composite score; high school GPA; high school percentile rank; and number of high school courses completed in the core subject areas. The formula, known as the Regent Admission Index (RAI), is as follows:  $RAI = (2 \times \text{ACT composite score}) + (1 \times \text{percentile high school rank}) + (20 \times \text{high school grade point average}) + (5 \times \text{number of years of high school courses completed in the core subject areas})$ . Anyone earning an RAI score of at least 245 is automatically admitted; the admissions office reviews applicants scoring below 245 individually to determine which will also be admitted.

## THE SCHOOL SAYS “. . .”

### From The Admissions Office

“Iowa State University offers all the advantages of a major university along with the friendliness and warmth of a residential campus. There are more than 100 undergraduate programs of study in the Colleges of Agriculture, Business, Design, Human Sciences, Engineering, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Veterinary Medicine. Our 1,700 faculty members include Rhodes Scholars, Fulbright Scholars, and National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Engineering members. Recognized for its high quality of life, Iowa State has taken practical steps to make the university a place where students feel like they belong. Iowa State has been recognized for the high quality of campus life and the exemplary out-of-class experiences offered to its students. Along with a strong academic experience, students also have opportunities for further developing their leadership skills and interpersonal relationships through any of the more than 700 student organizations, 60 intramural sports, and a multitude of arts and recreational activities..”

### SELECTIVITY

<b>Admissions Rating</b>	<b>88</b>
# of applicants	12,549
% of applicants accepted	87
% of acceptees attending	42

### FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT Critical Reading	490–650
Range SAT Math	550–680
Range ACT Composite	22–27
Minimum paper TOEFL	530
Minimum web-based TOEFL	71
Average HS GPA	3.49
% graduated top 10% of class	27
% graduated top 25% of class	60
% graduated top 50% of class	92

### DEADLINES

Regular	
Deadline	7/1
Notification	rolling
Nonfall registration?	yes

### APPLICANTS ALSO LOOK AT

#### AND OFTEN PREFER

Purdue University—West Lafayette
University of Wisconsin—Madison
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Minnesota—Twin Cities

### FINANCIAL FACTS

<b>Financial Aid Rating</b>	<b>79</b>
Annual in-state tuition	\$5,756
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,976
Room and board	\$7,277
Required fees	\$895
Books and supplies	\$1,000
% frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	53
% UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	53
% frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	25
% UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	26
% frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	42
% UG rec. need-based self-help aid	45
% frosh rec. athletic scholarships	2
% UG rec. athletic scholarships	2
% frosh rec. any financial aid	85.6
% UG rec. any financial aid	79.2
% UG borrow to pay for school	71.1
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$31,616