



2025 RAI Core Course List



IOWA STATE
UNIVERSITY

University of
Northern Iowa

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Admission of freshmen to the Iowa Regent universities is based on the Regent Admission Index (RAI) formula described below. In addition, applicants must meet the minimum high school course requirements for the university they wish to enter.

- (3 x ACT composite score)
- + (30 x high school GPA)
- + (5 x number of years of high school core courses)

Note: For purposes of calculating the RAI, SAT scores will be converted to ACT composite equivalents, 4.00 is the top value for GPA, and the number of high school core courses completed is expressed in terms of years or fractions of years (e.g., one semester equals 0.5 year). Applicants who do not possess all required factors will be evaluated on an individual basis by the Regent universities to which they apply.

Freshman applicants who achieve at least a 245 RAI score and who meet the minimum number of high school courses required by the Regent universities will qualify for automatic admission to any of the three Regent universities. Freshman applicants who achieve less than a 245 RAI score may also be admitted to a specific Regent university; however, each Regent university will review these applications on an individual basis and the admission decision will be specific to each institution.

Regent Admission Index Score

VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL-WDSM, WEST DES MOINES, CORE COURSES APPROVED FOR RAI

Source: 2024-2025 SRI Winter data. (Note: course numbers in parentheses refer to community college course numbers.)

English	Yrs*	Math	Yrs*	Science	Yrs*	Social Studies	Yrs*	World Languages	Yrs*	Computer Science	Yrs*
Adv Composition	0.5	Adv Geometry	1	Adv Biology	1	AP African Studies [HIS257]	0.5	AP Chinese Lang & Cultures	0.5	AP Computer Science A	0.5
Adv Contemp Lit	0.5	Algebra 1	1	AP Biology [BIO112]	0.5	AP European History [HIS110]	0.5	AP French	1	AP Computer Sci A [CIS451]	0.5
Adv World Literature	0.5	Algebra 2	1	AP Biology [BIO113]	0.5	AP European History [HIS111]	0.5	AP Latin	1	AP Computer Sci Principles [CIS450]	0.5
American Literary Voices	1	Algebra 2 & Trigonometry	0.5	AP Env Sci [ENV115]	0.5	AP Human Geography	1	AP Spanish Lang [FLS241]	0.5		
AP Lang & Comp 1 [ENG105]	0.5	Alg 2 w/ Trig	1	AP Env Sci [ENV116]	0.5	AP Macroeconomics	0.5	AP Spanish Lang [FLS242]	0.5		
AP Lang & Comp 2 [ENG106]	0.5	AP Calculus AB	0.5	AP Physics	1	AP Psychology	0.5	French 1	1		
AP Lit & Comp [LIT101]	0.5	AP Calculus AB [MAT211]	0.5	Astronomy	1	AP Psychology [PSY111]	0.5	French 2	0.5		
AP Lit & Comp [LIT185]	0.5	AP Calculus BC	0.5	Biology	1	AP U.S. Govt & Politics [POL111]	0.5	French 3	0.5		
Bards Rebels & Shakespeare	0.5	AP Calculus BC [MAT217]	0.5	Chemistry	1	AP U.S. History [HIS151]	0.5	French 4	1		
Creative Writing	0.5	AP Statistics	0.5	General Chemistry I [CHM165]	0.5	AP U.S. History [HIS152]	0.5	German 1	1		
Creative Writing [ENG221]	0.5	AP Statistics [MAT157]	0.5	General Chemistry II [CHM175]	0.5	AP World History: Modern [GLS200]	0.5	German 2	1		
Debate 1/Public Speaking	1	Geometry	1	Geology	0.5	AP World History: Modern [GLS220]	0.5	German 3	1		
Debate 2	1	Statistics	0.5	Human Anat & Phys	0.5	Current Events	0.5	Heritage Spanish Foundations	1		
Debate 3	1			Organic Chemistry	0.5	Economics	0.5	Heritage Spanish Lang Arts	1		
Debate 4	1			Physical Science	1	Global Geography & Cultures	1	Intermediate German I [FLG241]	0.5		
Dramatic Literature	0.5			Physics	1	Government	0.5	Intermediate German II [FLG242]	0.5		
Film As Literature	1					Intro to Sociology [SOC110]	0.5	Latin 1	0.5		
Fund of Oral Comm [SPC101]	0.5					Psychology	0.5	Latin 2	0.5		
Fundamentals of Writing	0.5					Sociology	0.5	Latin 3	1		
Fund of Writing Lab	0.5					U.S. History	1	Latin 4	1		
Gender Race & Cultures in Lit	0.5					World Civilization	1	Mandarin Chinese 1	0.5		
Intermediate Writing	0.5							Mandarin Chinese 2	1		

VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL-WDSM CORE COURSES APPROVED FOR RAI (cont.)
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English	Yrs* Math	Yrs* Science	Yrs* Social Studies	Yrs* World Languages	Yrs* Computer Science	Yrs*
Journalism 1	0.5			Mandarin Chinese 3	1	
Language & Literature	1			Mandarin Chinese 4	1	
Lit & Comp	0.5			Spanish 1	1	
Literature & the Land	0.5			Spanish 2	1	
Science Fiction & Fantasy	1			Spanish 3	1	
Self Society & Literature	1			Spanish 4	1	
Speech Communications	0.5					
Speech/Composition	1					
Total English	Total Math	Total Science	Total Social Studies	Total World Languages	Total Computer Science	

* The numbers in this column should be multiplied by 5 to determine the number of RAI points awarded for the course.

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