

Language Requirements for Iowa Colleges

Each year students are curious about how many years of a certain language they need in order to gain acceptance or graduate from certain institutions. To help inform their decision we have collected a cross section of information from schools within the state regarding foreign language requirements.

University of Iowa

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences & College of Engineering: Before the student graduates from the university they must complete 4 years *of a single language*.

Examples:

1. 4 years of a single language in high school
2. 2 years in high school + 2 semesters in college
3. 3 years in high school + 1 semester at Kirkwood

Direct entry Nursing: 4 years of the same language in high school

College of Business: Before the student graduates from the university they must complete 4 years of a language. They may complete 2 years in one language and 2 years in another.

Iowa State University

Colleges of Liberal Arts and Engineering: 2 years of a single language to be accepted.

All other programs: no language requirement

- Note: The Presidential Scholarship NO LONGER requires a student to have 4 years of a language in high school.

University of Northern Iowa

Any program: 2 years of the same language in high school. Need a C- or higher in last class taken.

Most Liberal Arts Colleges in Iowa

2 years of the same language in high school. No requirement to graduate unless you are a foreign language or international business major. Grinnell College is the exception – they suggest 3 years of the same language in high school – no requirement to graduate. St Ambrose is another that has a language requirement.