

Minimum Requirements for Undergraduate Certificate

An undergraduate certificate provides a way to give formal recognition of focused study in a specialized area that is less comprehensive than required for an undergraduate major.

- A minimum of 20 credits, with at least 12 credits taken at Iowa State University. Coursework must be applicable to the undergraduate certificate requirements.
- Courses taken for the certificate may not be taken on a pass not-pass basis.
- At least 9 of the credits taken at Iowa State University must be in courses numbered 300 or above.
- A minimum of 9 credits used for the certificate may not be used to meet any other department, college, or university requirement for the baccalaureate degree except to satisfy the total credit requirement for graduation and to meet credit requirements in courses numbered 300 or above.
- A student may not receive both an undergraduate major and a certificate of the same name.
- For students earning an Iowa State University baccalaureate degree, a certificate is awarded concurrent with or after the Iowa State University baccalaureate degree.
- A certificate is not awarded until baccalaureate requirements are finished.
- After receiving a baccalaureate degree from any accredited institution, a student may enroll at Iowa State University to earn a certificate.
- A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 is required in courses taken at ISU for a certificate.
- A notation of completed certificate will be made on the transcript.
- Certificate will be mailed to student approximately three weeks after graduation.