

**IOWA BOARD OF REGENTS AND
IOWA PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES APPLICATION PORTAL
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

Why was the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal created?

The Iowa Public Universities Application Portal was created to make the process of applying for admission to more than one of the Regent universities (University of Northern Iowa, University of Iowa, and/or Iowa State University) easier by identifying the same application questions that are used by all three universities. Students applying to more than one of these three universities will only have to answer the common questions one time as their answers will automatically fill-in the application form for admission to the Regent universities of their choice.

Who can use the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal?

The Iowa Public Universities Application Portal is intended for first-time, first-year U.S. students who wish to be considered for admission beginning Fall 2016 at more than one of Iowa's Regent universities.

Am I required to use the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal if I am applying to only one of Iowa's Regent universities?

No. In fact, if you intend to apply to only one of Iowa's Regent universities, you may complete that university's regular admissions application directly. However, using the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal will make it easier for you if at a later date you decide to apply to another Regent university.

If I use the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal to apply for admission at more than one of Iowa's Regent universities, will I have to pay an application fee to each of the universities?

Yes. You must pay the required application fee for each university to which you apply for admission through the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal.

How is my application to Iowa's Regent universities processed once I answer the common application questions through the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal?

Your responses to the common application questions will automatically fill-in on the application forms for the Regent universities to which you apply. After completing the common application questions, you will receive an e-mail notification from each university to which you apply with directions on how to complete the remaining questions on that university's application form.

What information should I have on hand before I begin my submission on the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal?

The Iowa Public Universities Application Portal will ask you to fill out academically related information used to determine your Regent Admission Index (RAI) which is used for admission. Before you can complete the questions on the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal, you will need the following information:

- ⇒ Your high school cumulative grade point average;
- ⇒ Your ACT and/or SAT test information – date(s) taken, composite scores, and subscores;

- ⇒ Your high school class rank and your class size, if your high school provides class rank;
- ⇒ The list of courses you have taken and plan to take in high school (including courses taken at a community college, college, or university while still in high school).

Is the user ID and password for the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal the same as the user ID or password at one of the Regent universities?

No. The user ID and password for the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal is used only on this Portal. You will need to create a new user ID and password at each university (or use one you have already created at the university) to complete the remaining university specific application questions.

We have more than one student applying from our family. Can we use the same user ID and password to submit applications for more than one student?

No. Each applicant must have a unique user ID and password.

How do I enter information about college credit courses into the boxes for courses taken while in high school?

Enter Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in the high school year in which you took the course(s).

Enter courses for which you received (or will receive) credit directly from a community college, college, or university in the “College” column. Examples include college courses which are taken (a) in your high school building; (b) on a college campus; (c) on-line; and/or (d) remotely. Do not enter the same course into both the high school and college columns. Each college credit course should be counted only one time (either for a year in high school or for college).

The grid to enter mathematics doesn’t have a “pre-9” box for some of the higher level math courses. What should I do if I took one or more of these courses prior to 9th grade?

You should enter any of those courses into the box(es) for 9th grade.

Once I have submitted the common questions through the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal, can I change my answers (or change my term of entry) and resubmit through the Portal?

No. Once you have submitted your answers to an Iowa Regent university, you will need to contact the admissions office at the university to which you submitted your information to make any changes.

- ⇒ University of Iowa: admissions@uiowa.edu, (319) 335-3847
- ⇒ Iowa State University: admissions@iastate.edu, (800) 262-3810
- ⇒ University of Northern Iowa: admissions@uni.edu, (319) 273-2281

How do I send my information to another Iowa Regent university?

If you have already submitted your common questions information to an Iowa Regent university and now want to send to another Regent university, do the following:

When you log into the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal, you will see a summary page. On this page, you may select the “Send to Additional University” option.

If you have entered your common questions information but have not yet submitted the information to any Iowa Regent university, do the following:

On the final screen, before you submit your common questions information, you will be asked to reconfirm the university(s) that you want to receive your application information. You may add another university on that screen.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal?

For general admissions questions, you may contact the admissions office at any of the three Iowa Regent universities:

University of Iowa: admissions@uiowa.edu, (319) 335-3847

Iowa State University: admissions@iastate.edu, (800) 262-3810

University of Northern Iowa: admissions@uni.edu, (319) 273-2281

If you have specific questions about the Iowa Public Universities Application Portal, you may submit them through the web form available on the “Contact Us” tab. A staff member will respond to your questions either by e-mail or by phone within 1-2 business days.