

ACADEMIC STATUS, GRADES & TRANSCRIPTS

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ACADEMIC STATUS

Verto Education is a one year, freshman experience program for full-time participants matriculated into the University of New Haven's Associate of Arts in General Studies. Students who enroll with the University of New Haven through participating in a Verto Education experience may complete two consecutive academic semesters with Verto, but may not complete more than 32 credits as a part of the experience.

Full-time Status

Full-time student status is attained by registering for a minimum of 12 credits per semester, or equivalent term. Such status is continued to a succeeding term provided a minimum of 12 credits is completed in the current term. Completion is defined as receipt of a letter grade of A+ through D-, F, S, or U. Other letter grades do not signify course completion.

Enrolled participants who fall into part-time status (under 12 credits) over the course of their Verto experience are subject to be dismissed from the program.

Admission to UNewHaven

Admission to the University of New Haven occurs upon application to Verto for participants meeting all Admissions criteria, or those approved through the review process.

- All participants who are approved for a Verto experience are enrolled as a degree-seeking student in the University of New Haven's Associate of Arts in General Studies.
- All participants on Verto Education programs must have completed all high-school graduation requirements prior to arrival to a Verto study abroad program experience.
- All participants must meet the established Verto [Admissions](#) criteria.
 - Additional considerations for international students may apply. Please notify the Verto Admissions team to discuss English Language requirements and visa/immigration considerations.
 - See also [English Language Requirement Academic Provider policies](#)

Once a participant completes their eligible time with Verto, they may continue at the University of New Haven to complete their degree. Participants who decide to apply to other schools instead of continuing with the University of New Haven must apply to those schools as direct transfer participants.

Transcripting Prior Learning

All participants are required to submit a transcript of any high school or post secondary educational records at time of application, and a final, official transcript within a month of high school graduation or completion of studies. Verto Education will use prior learning records to determine course eligibility to help participants select appropriate courses and course levels and avoid repeating courses or earning excess transfer credits, but this does not guarantee that participants will receive transfer credit.

All transfer credit policies are established by the institution to which credits will transfer.

The University of New Haven will transcript prior learning (high school dual enrollment, AP/IB scores, etc.) if participants decide to continue with the UNewHaven post-Verto. Students will need to request and submit all earned transcripts (HS and postsecondary) to support college admissions and transfer applications.

If your planned post-Verto institution does not accept AP, IB, dual enrollment credits, please notify Registrar@vertoeducation.org to discuss eligibility and enrollment options.

Grading System

All syllabi are required to publish the University of New Haven's Undergraduate Grading System.

A+	Excellent	97 – 100	4.0 quality points
A	Excellent	93 to Less than 97	4.0 quality points
A-	Excellent	90 to Less than 93	3.7 quality points
B+	Good	87 to Less than 90	3.3 quality points
B	Good	83 to Less than 87	3.0 quality points
B-	Good	80 to Less than 83	2.7 quality points
C+	Fair	77 to Less than 80	2.3 quality points
C	Fair	73 to Less than 77	2.0 quality points
C-	Fair	70 to Less than 73	1.7 quality points

D+	Poor	67 to Less than 70	1.3 quality points
D	Poor	63 to Less than 67	1.0 quality point
D-	Poor, lowest passing grade	60 to Less than 63	0.7 quality points
F	Failure	Less than 60%	0 quality points

Additional Transcript Notes Relevant to Verto Education

The following additional transcript notes may be applied to a student's transcript. The University of New Haven has additional transcript notes for courses and statuses not currently used by Verto. Please refer to the most up-to-date Grading section in the [UNewHaven catalog](#) for additional details.

INC: Incomplete

A grade of INC is given only in special circumstances and indicates that the student has been given permission by the instructor to complete the course (with the same instructor) after the end of the term. Some required course work remains to be completed to gain academic credit for the course.

DNA: Did Not Attend

Indicates nonattendance in a course for which a student had previously registered but not officially dropped (0 quality points).

W: Withdrawal

Indicates withdrawal from a course any time after the last date to drop a course as published in the academic calendar. 0 quality points.

Incomplete Grades

The following Incomplete Policy is adapted from UNewHaven's Incomplete Policy and includes updates that reflect participants' shorter engagement with Verto Education study abroad experiences.

A grade of Incomplete (INC) is given only in special circumstances and indicates that the student has been given permission by the instructor to complete required course work after the end of the term.

An incomplete is an agreement between the instructor and student. Instructors are not required to give incompletes. If an instructor grants an incomplete, they are agreeing to evaluate and monitor the student's progress as outlined in the incomplete agreement.

Grade Point Average

The academic standing of each participant is determined on the basis of the grade point average (GPA) earned each term. Each letter grade is assigned a quality point value. (See the [Grading System Section](#).)

How to calculate your GPA: The grade point average is obtained by multiplying the quality point value of each grade by the number of credits assigned to each course as listed in the Catalog, then dividing the sum of the quality points earned by the number of credits attempted in courses for which a grade of A through F is awarded. Course grades of DNA, INC, and W are not calculated in the grade point average since they carry no quality points. A cumulative grade point average is obtained by calculating the grade point average for all courses attempted at the University of New Haven.

Repeating a Course

If a student failed a course offered by UNewHaven and they need to/would like to retake the same course in a subsequent term, their request will be reviewed and approved by UNewHaven. The highest grade earned will count toward the GPA, both grades will remain on the transcript.

Satisfactory Progress

For full-time matriculated participants, satisfactory progress toward a degree is defined as successful completion of 24 credits applicable to that degree program during an academic year.

Participants must register for at least 12 credits per semester and successfully complete at least nine credits per semester.

Completion is defined as the receipt of a final letter grade (A+ to F), but not the receipt of a Withdrawal (W), Did Not Attend (DNA), or an Incomplete (INC). Successful completion is defined as the receipt of a passing letter grade (A+ to D-).

Students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average in accordance with the following scale:

- Cumulative grade point average of 1.75 for 3 to 27 GPA credits attempted;
- Cumulative grade point average of 1.85 for 28 to 57 GPA credits attempted;
- Cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for 58 or more GPA credits attempted.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in the major, in a minor, or in any undergraduate certificate program in order to graduate with that credential.

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The University of New Haven defines good academic standing for undergraduate participants as maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.00 based on credits earned for completed courses, excluding grades of "W" and "INC". Academic standing is evaluated at the end of the fall and spring semesters and is recorded on the student's transcript.

Verto Education works to support all incoming and continuing participants to achieve their highest academic potential. Verto and our academic provider, the University of New Haven, are committed to interventions that set participants up for success and promote academic recovery.

First-semester Students

All first-semester participants are subject to a preliminary, unofficial and final, official transcript review when they apply to a Verto experience. If the Verto Registrar finds participants have a GPA between 2.5-2.0 during either review, they will be sent to UNewHaven admissions for review and approval to join a Verto experience.

Participants with a GPA under 2.5 who are approved to participate in a Verto academic experience will be encouraged to sign up for available student success courses, e.g. SDEV 1150 Foundations of Success, keep their course loads manageable (13-15 credits), engage in available learning support services (tutoring, academic skills workshops) and will meet with their ASCs to create an academic success plan.

Academic Probation

Academic Probation is a formal designation established by the University of New Haven that may be issued after completion of one semester. UNewHaven requires first-year participants to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 1.75 for 3 to 27 GPA credits attempted. First-year

participants who earn a GPA below 1.0 their first semester are immediately placed on academic probation.

Students who wish to continue with an additional semester abroad through Verto Education who are placed on academic probation are subject to additional admissions review and UNehaven approval. Approval to continue is not guaranteed until final grades are reviewed.

Academic Year and Continuing Students

Any student who is at or below a 2.5 GPA based on mid-term or end of term grades is subject to review and approval before continuing in the Verto Education experience.

All participants will have a holistic evaluation and must be in good standing (financial, behavioral, and academic). Students who express interest in continuing will meet with their academic success coordinator onsite for an academic review following mid-terms. Approval to continue is contingent upon successful completion of the academic semester and final grades earned.

- Students whose GPA falls between 2.5 and 2.0 are subject to relevant Academic Actions, including agreement to follow Academic Improvement Plans for the next semester.
- Students whose GPA falls below 2.0 are subject to a joint review with the University of New Haven to determine if studying abroad is in their best academic interest. Typically participants below a 2.0 GPA are not permitted to study abroad.

Restrictions in the Case of Continuation on Probation

Students who fall below the academic probation threshold per Academic Provider policies (1.75 GPA for 3 to 27 credits attempted) are typically not eligible to continue on a Verto program abroad.

It is important to note that Verto may rescind admissions for continuing semesters based on end of term grades, if participants do not meet the academic requirements of participation, outlined above.

Students who are unenrolled or not approved for an additional semester abroad due to a change in financial, behavioral, or academic standing may be responsible for program costs incurred prior to being withdrawn from the program including, but not limited to, airfare, visa or immigration costs, and other program fees following Verto's withdrawal and cancellation policies.

Reference:

[Verto Withdrawal and Cancellation Policies](#)

Some exceptions for participants on academic probation may be made based on extenuating circumstances, based upon a holistic review of educational records. Any student allowed to continue in another Verto experience on academic probation is subject to the following restrictions:

- May not enroll in more than 13 credit hours (12 credits, 1 lab credit);
- May not hold elected positions in student clubs, organizations, or governance;
- Must consult with academic staff prior to the start of the semester;
- Further course withdrawals will not be processed by the UNewHaven Registrar unless approved by the Verto Registrar. Reminder: participants who attempt to drop below 12 credits will be dismissed from the program.

Academics-Related Program Dismissal

The University of New Haven may dismiss first-year participants on academic grounds after they complete two academic semesters. UNewHaven requires participants to remain in good standing (see [Academic Standing](#)) and not have any academic or financial holds to study abroad. Verto also requires that participants maintain at least a 2.5 GPA to continue participating in a Verto experience.

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcript Release

The [transcript release form](#) authorizes the release of student educational records, including unofficial midterm grade reports, unofficial transcripts, and final official transcripts, to a recognized college or university official. Signing the form is a critical piece that enables Verto to support post-Verto college or university admissions or transfer plans.

Traditional Students

Traditional participants are encouraged to sign the [transcript release form](#). If participants choose to apply with a Verto partner, they are required to submit their midterm grade reports along with their college application materials.

At the end of the Verto experience, participants must request their official transcript be sent directly from University of New Haven to your college or university. A transcript is **not** automatically provided by Verto or UNewHaven.

Channel Students

Channel participants are required to sign the [transcript release form](#) to allow Verto and the University of New Haven to share their academic records. Midterm and Final Transcripts are provided to all Channel university partners on behalf of the participants. It may take up to a month for final official transcripts to be available following program completion.

Midterm Grade Reports

Midterm grade reports are emailed to all participants by the University of New Haven and will be available through your [myCharger account](#).

Verto/Academic Provider will send midterm grade reports to Channel partners as soon as they are available.

Any participant that fails to meet midterm requirements set down by their channel partner may be removed from their channel pathway. Participants removed from their channel pathway will meet with their Academic Success Coordinator to create an academic safety net plan and identify opportunities or alternative post-Verto plans.

Final Grades & Transcripts

Final grades and unofficial transcripts are all available via UNewHaven's Single Serve Banner housed in the student's [myCharger account](#). Final grades are made available to all participants after the conclusion of classes across all Verto locations.

- Grades are typically available within two weeks after the conclusion of all classes.
- Official transcripts are the final academic record for participant grades, Canvas may not have final grades.

Final official transcripts are issued through the National Student Clearinghouse and may be requested two weeks prior to the end of the semester.

- The University of New Haven will send an electronic copy of participants' final official transcripts to select Channel partners through the National Student Clearinghouse.
- All Traditional participants must request their final official transcript to be submitted to their post-Verto institution.