

# ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY - CONTINUING STUDENTS

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# ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY CONTINUING STUDENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights key features of the Academic Eligibility for Continuing Students Policy.

**Participants wishing to enroll in more than one semester with Verto Education must meet academic, behavioral, and financial eligibility requirements, based on criteria established in partnership with Verto's Academic Provider, the University of New Haven.**

This policy details a holistic eligibility review process, including academic performance, behavioral clearance, and financial standing. Initial academic eligibility reviews occur after the midterm grading period, and final decisions are made upon semester completion. After midterms, participants with a GPA of 2.0 or above are considered 'on-track' and those with a GPA of 1.99 or below are considered 'off-track' for eligibility for another semester.

Final academic eligibility decisions are based on the following criteria:

- **2.0 GPA or higher:** Eligible for an additional semester at the location of choice.
- **1.5 - 1.99 GPA:** Eligible for Verto's Academic Recovery Program - select locations only (2), locations determined based on course needs.
  - AY25-26 Recovery Locations: Prague, Czech Republic, or Florence, Italy
- **1.49 GPA or below:** Academically ineligible to continue.

Second-semester participants are required to have a 2.0 GPA after completion of their first semester for full program eligibility. Exceptions may be considered based on overall academic performance, with special considerations for enrollment in the Academic Recovery Program. Third-semester participants are also evaluated for their academic eligibility and are required to have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Should their cumulative GPA fall below a 2.0, they may be eligible for enrollment in the Academic Recovery Program.

Communication about eligibility occurs after the midterm and final grading periods via email from Verto's Dean of Students or a designated representative. There is an appeals process, and appeals may be submitted in the event of extenuating circumstances, which are evaluated jointly between the University of New Haven and Verto Education.

The Academic Recovery Program provides a structured environment for students who did not meet the 2.0 GPA minimum. Enrollment in this program may require a change in program location and comes with specific restrictions, including credit hour limits, required course enrollments/repeat course enrollments, mandatory meetings, and development of a Student Success Plan. Academic performance and participation in the Academic Recovery Program can impact channel program eligibility and post-Verto planning, as channel partners have final decision-making authority for continued participation.

Verto reserves the right to rescind admissions if academic eligibility requirements are not met.

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# CONTINUING STUDENTS: ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

## Overview

Participants seeking enrollment in more than one semester with Verto Education must meet defined academic eligibility requirements and be in good behavioral and financial standing with Verto Education and its Academic Provider, the University of New Haven, to be eligible for continuing enrollment. This policy details the review process and defines eligibility thresholds and subsequent decisions for enrollment. Additional details about Verto's Academic Recovery Program and eligibility appeals are provided.

## Eligibility to Continue with Verto and The University of New Haven

Participants who desire to enroll with Verto for an additional semester must meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in this policy. This requirement applies to all participants, regardless of their pathway with Verto or the date of their last completed semester with Verto, and includes Channel participants who are required to complete two semesters with Verto to gain admission to their channel partner school.

As outlined in the [Academic Status, Grades, and Transcripts policy](#), the University of New Haven defines good Academic Standing for first-year, degree-seeking students as:

- 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.

In addition to the GPA requirement, Verto Education requires participants to earn a C or above in at least nine credits of their semester coursework to be eligible for an additional semester.

Typically, grades of C or higher are required for the transfer of academic credit to the participant's post-Verto institution. Transfer credit policies vary by institution; participants are advised to consult the policies of the post-Verto institution for up-to-date information.

The University of New Haven may dismiss first-year, degree-seeking participants on academic grounds after they complete two academic semesters and have not met academic requirements. Participants enrolled as non-degree seeking are not subject to an official academic dismissal from UNewHaven, but can face academic consequences for poor academic performance, including ineligibility for continued enrollment and being disqualified from future course registration at the University of New Haven or Verto Education.

## Eligibility Review Process

All Verto participants, regardless of when they expressed interest or deposited for an additional semester, will receive a holistic evaluation of their academic performance and behavioral and financial standing with Verto Education and its Academic Provider, the University of New Haven.

Participants who are in an active term of enrollment while seeking a future term of enrollment will receive an initial review following the submission of midterm grades by their program's faculty. Initial communications regarding whether a participant is on or off track academically will be sent after the midterm grading period. Final decisions regarding a participant's eligibility to enroll for an additional semester will be made at the conclusion of the final grading period of the semester of current enrollment.

The holistic review will examine the participant's:

- **Academic performance.** This includes midterm and final grades, credits earned, attendance records, academic success plans (in-progress and completed), and overall participation and academic engagement. This review also considers post-Verto plans and course/credit needs for future semesters.
- **Behavioral clearance.** This includes a review of any violations of the Code of Responsibility, and input from the Dean of Students and onsite program staff.
- **Good Financial standing.** Participants must be in good financial standing with Verto/UNewHaven to be eligible to continue. This includes having a payment plan and being up-to-date on payments, or being paid in full.

## Academic Eligibility Requirements

Below are the defined academic eligibility criteria participants must meet to determine if they are eligible to enroll in an additional semester with Verto Education. Note that eligibility and credit/location-specific requirements may apply to all participants. Consult the [Academic Status, Grades, and Transcript policy](#) for more information.

Upon completion of the midterm grading period, participants will receive a notification indicating if they are on or off track to enroll for an additional semester with Verto. Midterm grades are an important indicator of academic progress, but do not have to be the defining moment of a participant's eligibility to enroll for an additional semester. Participants have the opportunity to work with their Student Success Staff onsite to devise a Student Success Plan to improve their academic performance.

Participants will receive a decision regarding their eligibility to enroll in an additional semester with Verto based on their final semester grades. Decisions regarding eligibility are based on the GPA thresholds as outlined in the table below.

GPA Thresholds	Notification to Participant After Midterm and Final Grades
2.0 GPA or higher	<p>Participants' mid-term GPA and academic progress to date indicate they are on track to be academically eligible for an additional Verto semester on their program location of choice.</p> <p>Academic eligibility to enroll for an additional semester in the participant's location of choice requires completion of the semester with a GPA of 2.0 or above.</p>
1.99 or below GPA	<p>Participant's mid-term GPA and academic progress to date indicates they are academically off-track to enroll for an additional semester on a Verto program.</p> <p>Academic eligibility to enroll for an additional semester in the participant's location of choice requires completion of the semester with a GPA of 2.0.</p> <p>Participants completing the semester with a 1.5 - 1.99 GPA are eligible for Verto's Academic Recovery Program, which is available only in Prague (non-STEM) or Florence (STEM).</p> <p>Participants who complete the semester with a GPA of 1.49 or below are academically ineligible to continue for an additional semester with Verto. Additional considerations and restrictions apply.</p>

**GPA 1.99 - 1.50 or below:** Participants enrolled whose GPA falls below 2.0 are subject to a joint review with the University of New Haven to determine if studying abroad for an additional semester is in their best academic interest. They may also be placed on academic probation in accordance with the University of New Haven's policies, as outlined in the Academic Status, Grades, and Transcripts policy.

**GPA 1.49 or below:** Participants who complete the semester with a 1.49 or lower, and believe they have extenuating circumstances, may wish to appeal their admissions decision. They must submit an appeal with supporting documentation. Review Verto's [Grades & Eligibility Appeals Process](#) for additional information.

**Academic Recovery Program Locations:** Approved locations for the Academic Recovery Program during the 2025/26 academic year are listed below. Participants will be assigned to a location depending on academic performance and requirements. Exceptions to program locations may be considered based on the availability of courses and individual student needs. Participants must submit an appeal for exceptions to be considered. Review Verto's [Grades & Eligibility Appeals Process](#) for additional information.

Academic Recovery Program Location	Academic Area of Study
Florence, Italy	For STEM-focused participants who will enroll in at least one or more math or science courses or need to replace grades in one or more STEM courses. Additional areas of study are available.
Prague, Czech Republic	All other academic areas of study, excluding Science and some Math courses. Prague is a 90-day Spring program.

## **Eligibility Requirements for Third Semester and Non-Consecutive Semester Participants**

All participants wishing to enroll for a third semester, or an additional, non-consecutive semester with Verto Education, are subject to eligibility reviews by Verto's Academic, Student Success, and Student Financial Services teams. Eligibility reviews will occur at the time of initial communication with Verto's Admissions Team or at the time of deposit. If participants are actively enrolled in a semester with Verto Education, a final decision will be rendered upon completion of the final grading period of that semester.

### **Additional Policy Considerations for Third-Semester and Non-Consecutive Participants:**

- All Verto Participants are limited to two semesters of enrollment (30/31 credits) in the same program location.
- Degree-seeking participants may earn up to 45 credits total of post-secondary credits, which includes their enrollment with Verto.
- All participants are limited to completion of up to three semesters with Verto.
- Third-semester participants will be evaluated for continued enrollment based on their **cumulative** GPA rather than an individual semester GPA.
  - Additional course enrollment restrictions or requirements may be applied for participants who earn a semester GPA below 2.0.
- Eligibility for enrollment in an additional Verto semester is determined by evaluating all coursework and credits, including credits earned while on a Verto semester abroad and any additional other postsecondary credits.
  - Participants who enroll for non-consecutive semesters will be re-evaluated for eligibility and must submit additional postsecondary credits earned between Verto semesters.

## GPA Eligibility Requirements for Third Semester Students

GPA + Semester Thresholds	Eligibility Decision
Completed all Verto semesters with a 2.0 or higher GPA; cumulative GPA is 2.0+	Participant is admitted for a 3rd semester to the location of choice.
Completed the Academic Recovery Program in 2nd semester and raised cumulative GPA to at least a 2.0.	Participant is admitted for a 3rd semester to the location of choice.
Completed the Academic Recovery Program in 2nd semester and did not raise cumulative GPA to above 2.0+	<p>Participant's admissibility is considered on an individual basis. Participant is required to submit additional documentation for a joint review by Verto and UNewHaven.</p> <p>If the participant is approved to enroll for a third semester, the conditions of the Academic Recovery Program may be applied by Verto. The participant may also be directed to a specific program location for enrollment.</p>
Completed 1st semester above a 2.0, but 2nd semester below a 2.0	<p>Participant will be evaluated based on their cumulative GPA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If cumulative GPA is a 2.0 or higher, the participant may continue on their program of choice.</li> <li>• If cumulative GPA is 1.99 - 1.75, the participant must enroll in the Academic Recovery Program, and may be required to change program locations.</li> <li>• If cumulative GPA is 1.74 or below, the participant is ineligible to continue for a 3rd semester.</li> </ul>

## Communication Timelines

### Midterm Grading Period

Participants will be notified after the midterm grading period regarding whether they are on or off track with their academic eligibility to continue with Verto for an additional semester. Verto's Dean of Students will email the participant directly within approximately 5 business days after the completion of the midterm grading period. Channel Partners and Families/Approved Contacts may also receive relevant notifications.



### **Final Grading Period**

Full approval to continue for an additional semester is contingent upon successful completion of the academic semester, which encompasses a review of final grades earned, behavioral clearance from Verto's Dean of Students, and being in good financial standing.

### **Notifications**

Participants will receive an email from Verto's Dean of Students within 5 business days after the closing of the final grading period of the current enrolled semester. Channel Partners and Families/Approved Contacts may be notified of eligibility decisions for continuing students.

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 or programmatic requirements of participation, outlined above.

## **Participant Responsibilities and Financial Considerations**

Participants 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's Payment, Cancellation, & Refund Policy](#).

## **Academic Recovery**

Participants who wish to enroll in an additional semester with Verto but were unable to achieve a minimum semester or cumulative GPA of 2.0 during their most recent semester of enrollment are required to enroll in Verto's Academic Recovery Program. Offered in designated locations, this program provides participants with a second chance to improve their academic record within a more structured and scaffolded environment.

Enrollment in the Academic Recovery Program may require a participant to change their program location. If a participant must change their program location in order to enroll in the Academic Recovery Program, they are responsible for any incurred costs associated with flight changes, student visa fees, and any other program-related costs.

Any participant allowed to continue for an additional semester as part of the Academic Recovery Program is subject to the following restrictions:

- May not enroll in more than 13/14 credit hours (12 credits, 1 lab credit, 1 credit Student Development Course);
  - Channel participants may request an exception to this requirement if they are still eligible for their channel pathway;
- May be required to repeat a course in which they earned a non-transferable grade, as part of the University of New Haven's grade replacement policy;

- Participate in required pre-departure meetings with program staff and leadership;
- Create and maintain a Student Success Plan throughout the semester;
- Enroll in a dedicated Student Development course designed to support students with academic recovery;
- Attend regular, mandatory study sessions in a 1:1 format with staff, or in small peer groups;
- Meet regularly with a dedicated Student Success staff member through the semester;
- May not hold elected positions in clubs, organizations, or governance;
- Must consult with academic staff prior to the start of the semester.

Participants who do not wish to participate in the Academic Recovery Program will be unenrolled and may be responsible for program costs incurred on their behalf. Participants who are unable to meet the program criteria during pre-departure or while onsite may be unenrolled or removed from the program.

### ***Impact on Post-Verto Planning***

Participants enrolled in a Channel Program are subject to all academic eligibility policies, regardless of Channel Program requirements.

- Academic performance may impact course eligibility in future semesters and may limit enrollment in required or recommended courses or the ability to achieve the required credits of the Channel Partner.
- A GPA below 2.0 may affect a participant's ability to meet channel pathway requirements, which vary by partner.

Enrollment in the Academic Recovery Program may also impact a participant's eligibility to enroll at their channel partner post-Verto, depending on the partner college/university's requirements, such as GPA and credit requirements. Participants should consult with their program's Student Success staff and Channel Partner to evaluate their eligibility.

If a participant is no longer able to satisfy the requirements of their Channel pathway but is eligible to enroll in the Academic Recovery Program, they may still do so.

Channel Partners will be notified if participants are academically off-track. Channel Partners have the final decision for continuation on the Channel program pathway, and participants may need to consult with Channel Partners directly for additional details.