

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY - NEW STUDENTS

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ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY SUMMARY

The summary below highlights the key features of Verto Education's Academic Eligibility for New Students Policy.

Upon enrollment in a Verto program, Verto Education verifies academic eligibility for all incoming participants in collaboration with the Verto Enrollment team, based on established University of New Haven (UNewHaven) - Verto [Admissions](#) criteria.

Admissions Criteria - Academic Eligibility for New Participants

- GPA Requirements: GPA is reviewed at the time of application and subject to verification:
 - Non-Degree Seeking: 2.0 GPA
 - Degree-Seeking: 2.5 GPA. *Degree-seeking status is determined by participant pathway; see full policy for additional details.*
 - Applicants with a high school cumulative GPA of 1.75 - 1.99 may be eligible for admission through the Expanded GPA Pathway (available in limited Verto locations).
- Post-Secondary Credits:
 - Participants with >30 post-secondary credits/credits earned after high school graduation are subject to additional eligibility review.
- Official Test Scores:
 - ACT/SAT scores may be required for applicants submitting homeschool and online high school transcripts;
 - GED applicants require official documentation following UNewHaven policies.
- International Applicants and English Language Requirements:
 - International applicants must submit copies of official translated education records and test scores that meet English language requirements of UNewHaven.
- Transcripts:
 - Unofficial high school transcripts must be submitted to support eligibility verification during the admissions process.
 - A final, official high school transcript confirming graduation is required before the program start date.
 - All submitted transcripts must include participant name, expected or confirmed graduation date, and name of awarding institution. Verto may contact the awarding institution to verify records, if necessary.

Additional eligibility reviews apply for international applicants and participants wishing to continue with Verto for more than one semester (see Continuing Student Policy).

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Overview

Verto Education is a study abroad experience program designed for first- and second-year college students. All participants must meet the admissions and academic requirements of our academic provider, the University of New Haven, to be enrolled at a Verto program location. Participants may enroll for up to three semesters in accordance with the appropriate academic policies, including the Continuing Student Eligibility Policy.

Academic Requirements for 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.

Admission Requirements

All participants must meet the established UNewHaven-Verto [Admissions](#) criteria below.

All Participants

All new applicants must meet the following academic requirements:

- GPA Requirements:
 - Minimum 2.5+ High School GPA, Degree-Seeking
 - Minimum 2.0+ High School GPA, Non-Degree Seeking
- All participants are required to accurately self-report their high school GPA and provide an unofficial transcript to the Verto Registrar for GPA and expected graduation verification and course eligibility evaluation during the application or admission process.
 - Participants who do not provide an unofficial transcript may delay their ability to remain enrolled in a Verto experience.
 - Participants who inaccurately report or misrepresent GPA are subject to additional eligibility review or may be ineligible to remain enrolled in a Verto experience.
 - Participants with AP, IB, and/or other postsecondary credits must submit relevant academic records for course eligibility consideration.
 - Official test scores (ACT/SAT) and additional documentation may be required for applicants with a GED, homeschool, or online high school diploma.

- International applicants must submit a translated official copy of their secondary diploma, along with official English Language test scores.
- Credit limitations: Verto offers programming for first- and second-year university students. UNewHaven requirements limit participants who have earned more than 30 post-secondary credits. Participants who have earned an Associate's Degree or more than 45 post-secondary credits are not eligible.
 - Participants who enroll in a Verto experience directly from high school meet the first-year student definition and are eligible for enrollment. Dual enrollment credits earned and applied towards high school graduation requirements are not considered in the 45-credit count.
- Submit a final, official high school transcript to the Verto Registrar (registrar@vertoeducation.org).
 - Participants who do not provide a final, official transcript by the required dates are subject to unenrollment / cancellation before the start of the program.
 - Final, official transcripts must be submitted by a college/high school official or other third-party provider. They may not come directly from the participant.
- Completion of all high-school graduation requirements before arrival at a Verto study abroad experience.

Expanded GPA Pathway

Applicants with a high school GPA of 1.75 - 1.99 may be considered for enrollment through Verto's Expanded GPA Pathway.

Applicants must submit their high school transcript at the time of application reflecting a 1.75 - 1.99 cumulative GPA. For applicants admitted to the Expanded GPA Pathway who submit a final official high school transcript above or below the Expanded GPA Pathway Program requirements:

- Final HS GPA below 1.75: If an admitted participant's final high school GPA drops below a 1.75, their admissions to Verto may be re-evaluated, which may result in a deferment to a future semester, rescinded Admissions, or additional review and program or academic requirements if approved to remain enrolled.
- Final HS GPA above 2.0: If the participant's final high school GPA is above a 2.0, and they were admitted as an expanded GPA participant, they are still required to participate in the expanded GPA program.

Enrollment in the Expanded GPA Program requires the following conditions:

- Semester course enrollment is limited to 13 credits;
- Enrollment in 4-credit courses is not permitted;
- Required enrollment in a 1-credit Student Development course, typically SDEV 1150 Foundations for Success;
- Mandatory tutoring attendance;
- Other course or academic requirements may be outlined;

- Location availability/enrollment may be limited to participating locations.

If a participant wishes to enroll in an additional semester with Verto, all participants are subject to meeting eligibility requirements outlined in the [Academic Eligibility Policy - Continuing Students](#).

International Applicants

Verto welcomes international applicants who meet Verto's Academic Provider [English language requirements](#), in addition to the admission criteria outlined above. Additional visa/immigration considerations may apply. Please notify the Verto Admissions team to discuss further and provide verification of English language proficiency and citizenship.

Participants who submit a high school diploma earned outside of the US and/or those who self-report to Verto as non-U.S. citizens are considered international applicants. To be evaluated for admission, non-U.S. citizens must meet one of the following additional criteria:

- **Proof of Secondary Education:** Provide official documentation that verifies the completion of secondary education where the primary language of instruction was English.
- **English Proficiency Credential:** Submit an official English language proficiency score for evaluation, including subscores.

International applicants may be required to submit a supplemental credential evaluation or official translation of international academic records.

- **Submitting Records:** Participants will receive detailed instructions via email on how to submit these documents upon completing their initial application.
- **Recommended Provider:** Verto recommends [WES](#) for credential evaluations and Duolingo for English language proficiency scores.

Verto uses a tiered scoring system to determine academic placement based on English language proficiency scores:

- **Standard Admission:** Applicants who meet the standard score thresholds are eligible for regular admission to Verto programs (aligned with University of New Haven standards).
 - Note: subscores may be used to determine eligibility for coursework.
- **International Student Pathway:** Applicants with scores below the standard threshold may be considered for admission into the International Student Pathway.
 - Participants admitted under the International Student Pathway are subject to specific location and course restrictions to ensure proper academic support.
 - Applicants with lower scores are encouraged to connect directly with the Verto Admissions team for additional information regarding pathway eligibility, current restrictions, and available program options.

Enrollment in Non-Consecutive Semesters

Participants who seek to enroll in non-consecutive semesters with Verto are subject to a full review to ensure they continue to meet the admissions requirements set forth by the University of New Haven and Verto. Please refer to the Academic Requirements for Admission to the University of New Haven section of this policy for details, as well as the [Academic Eligibility - Continuing Students Policy](#).

Enrollment in non-consecutive semesters is defined as a participant who completes a semester with Verto, does not enroll in the next semester, and then applies to come back for a future semester. E.g., a participant completed fall 2025, did not enroll for spring 2026, and wants to enroll for fall 2026.

Questions?

Before the semester, Student Onboarding Advisors serve as participants' primary contact and escalate inquiries to the Verto Registrar on matters related to eligibility. Questions may be directed to registrar@vertoeducation.org.