

Use of Generative AI Technology

Generative AI, such as [OpenAI ChatGPT](#), [Microsoft Copilot/Bing Chat](#), [Google Bard](#), and others, can answer questions and generate text, images, and media. The appropriate use of generative AI will vary from course to course. Guidelines for using generative AI *in this course* are as follows:

1. Follow only the specific permitted uses set by your instructor.
2. Document and attribute all AI contributions to your coursework.
3. Take full responsibility for AI contributions, ensuring the accuracy of facts and sources.

Permitted uses of generative AI in this course include:

- Shortening your own text
- Revising your own text for spelling and grammar
- Creating study aids (e.g., flashcards) for quizzes or exams
- Testing and practicing your knowledge of course topics
- Conducting basic research on course and assignment topics

During closed book exams, AI tools are not allowed. Additional allowed uses and restrictions may apply to specific assignments as specified in that assignment's instructions.

When using generative AI, keep a journal documenting prompts, AI responses, and your usage. Your instructor may ask you to provide this documentation.

Refer to the [APA style guide](#) for citing generative AI, including the text of your prompt to the AI. Remember, a generative AI conversation in and of itself is not a valid source for facts. Always work to find, verify and cite the original source of ideas, rather than citing the AI directly.

You are responsible for verifying sources and facts and attributing ideas generated by the AI. Generative AI tools sometimes invent facts and sources.

Failure to abide by these guidelines is a violation of academic integrity. We will investigate suspected uses of generative AI that do not follow these guidelines and apply sanctions as outlined in the Illinois Student Code.

Generative AI and Data Privacy

When using online services, including generative AI platforms, realize that companies may store, share, or sell your data. Be wary of sharing private personal information. Learn to develop [safe online habits](#) (Illinois Privacy & Cybersecurity).

AI Analysis Disclaimer

Your assignments may be stored in various online data repositories in an anonymous form and may be searchable and analyzable. Please be aware of this possibility and do not include proprietary information relating to companies or organizations, your personal private information, or personal and private information of others.