

Biology AI Policy [Example]

Policy on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The assignments in this course were designed to help you engage with the material and develop your own scientific thinking. Your submitted work should reflect your thinking and demonstrate your understanding of course concepts in your own words. For that reason, the following policy explains how AI may and may not be used in this course. Using AI in any way that is not permitted, as described below, may be treated as an academic integrity violation.

Here are some ways you are allowed to use AI in this course:

- Brainstorming or generating ideas (which you will then independently evaluate and fact check)
- Checking spelling, punctuation, and grammar (without altering the content, meaning, or voice of your writing)
- Asking questions in order to clarify course concepts, similar to asking a tutor for an explanation
- Generating quiz questions to test your knowledge of concepts

Here is what AI use is NOT allowed for:

- Writing any part of an assignment, paper, or lab report
- Rephrasing, rewriting, expanding, shortening, or improving your writing
- Generating answers, explanations, discussion posts, or any other content for worksheets, assignments, or prelabs

This policy applies to all AI and AI-assisted writing tools, including but not limited to ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Google Gemini, Claude, Grammarly, and others.

When in doubt, ask first! Sometimes it is not always obvious whether a particular use of AI is appropriate. If you are unsure whether a tool or specific use of a tool is allowed, please ask me before using it or submitting the assignment. I am always happy to clarify the policy with you!