

Computer Science AI Policy [Example]

Class Policy on Artificial Intelligence

In this course, you must learn to master modern digital tools rather than letting them master you. Because generative AI is fundamentally reshaping the technology and computer-science industries, we will approach these tools practically. However, your critical thinking, problem-solving, and coding abilities remain core learning objectives of this course not to be delegated to the AI.

1. The Guiding Principle: Collaborate, Don't Delegate

You are encouraged to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) as an educational aid, a brainstorming partner, and a debugging assistant. However, **you must not delegate your core analytical and creative responsibilities to AI**. The final submission must reflect your own understanding, effort, and technical execution. I, as the course instructor, reserve the right to conduct an oral examination of the content of any submission that appears not to be wholly the work of the student – including ai and other sources. Should a student be unable or unwilling to successfully complete the oral challenge examination a grade of 0 points will be applied to that assignment.

2. Permitted Uses of AI

You may use generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, GitHub Copilot, etc.) for the following purposes:

- **Brainstorming:** Generating high-level ideas, project outlines, or potential technical solutions.
- **Debugging:** Identifying bugs in your code, explaining complex error messages, or suggesting syntax corrections.
- **Tutoring:** Asking AI to explain a technical concept you do not understand or to provide practice problems.
- **Refining:** Polishing your own writing, improving code structure, or proofreading documentation.

3. Prohibited Uses of AI

The following actions are considered violations of academic integrity:

- **Unauthorized Generation:** Submitting AI-generated text, code, or images as your own original work without explicit permission for a specific assignment.
- **Bypassing Logic:** Using AI to write complete scripts, papers, or assignments when the learning goal requires you to practice writing them yourself.
- **Data Privacy Violations:** Entering any Personally Identifiable Information (PII), proprietary institutional data, or copyrighted materials into public AI models.
- **Assessments:** Using AI tools during in-class quizzes, exams, or capstone presentations, unless explicitly authorized by the instructor.

4. Your Responsibilities

Transparency is a fundamental tenet of the technology industry, USJ institutional integrity policy, and an essential component of research activities. If you use AI to assist in developing an assignment, project, or paper, you must consider your personal **Accountability**. Check for acknowledgement, accuracy, appropriateness, auditability, and agency - the 5 "A"s of Accountability (each outlined in this statement):

- **Acknowledgement:** Include a brief section at the beginning or end of your submission acknowledging the AI tool used (e.g., "I used GitHub Copilot to help debug the database connection in Section 2").
- **Accuracy:** **You are 100% accountable for the correctness, functionality, and ethical implications of the work you submit.** Always review, fact-check, and test any AI-generated output. AI tools are known to "hallucinate" (provide confident but incorrect technical information), generate outdated code, or display algorithmic bias.
- **Appropriateness:** If it feels like you are cheating - you probably are cheating. Consider how you would be viewed by your peers if you paid someone to do an assignment for you, or deliberately violated an honor code, or stole answers on a test from another student; if it seems like you violated the trust of the instructor ask for guidance before handing it in. **Just because you generated the prompt that led to the answer does not grant you license or ownership of the answer.**
- **Auditability:** Keep a record of the prompts you used and the AI's responses. For technical projects, this may be requested by the instructor during grading or evaluation.
- **Agency:** This refers to retaining human control of the final product. AI should assist humans and not replace them. AI-generated output is NEVER to be submitted as part of an assignment without the express permission of the instructor – If you are in doubt, you should request clarification from the instructor regarding permissibility.