

Academic Generative AI Usage in Writing Policy

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Policy Purpose:

Generative AI (gen AI) engines, such as ChatGPT, have recently experienced rapid growth and advancement in their capabilities. As a result, College University's students have begun to incorporate these tools into their written coursework in various ways, including generating substantial amounts of text or using them as limited assistive tools. This policy defines and outlines the rules and regulations for students' use of gen AI.

Policy Requirements and Guidelines

As of now, instructors create their own rules regarding students using generative AI. They may ban AI outright or limit its uses. This inconsistency can lead to certain issues. So, listed below are allowed and disallowed usages of generative AI. This eliminates any possibility of miscommunication. These guidelines will ensure the freedom of College University's students as well as their work's originality and high quality.

Allowed:

Allowed uses of gen AI are meant to strictly support students in their academic writing pieces, as students are expected to remain the primary author of their work.

- Formatting and organizing content
- Grammar checking
- Developing original content ideas

Disallowed:

Disallowed uses are those that cause students to relinquish primary authorship of the work they submit. Even if modified, AI-generated content is not the students' and disengages them from their studies.

- Using AI-generated content as one's own
- Employing gen AI-based research citation
- Referencing gen AI for writing exam questions

If a student chooses to use gen AI for an allowed use case, they must fill out an acknowledgment form that explains how and why they used it. This form will be submitted to instructors, and it will be enforced by the academic board. Additionally, every assignment that a student has used AI assistance in requires its own form.

Scope

This policy applies to all students at College University, regardless of their year or the modality of their courses. Additionally, it applies to online discussions, essays, literary assessments or quizzes, writing projects, both group and individual, and other writing-based assignment types. All generative AI engines are included in this policy, which includes AI platforms that generate images, text, or any other content related to academic deliverables.

Enforcement

Students who do not follow this policy may face punishment. Such punishment is chosen by the discretion of instructors and academic board members. All possible punishments are provided below.

- Expulsion
 - o Students who use gen AI for disallowed purposes in many of their assignments may face expulsion.
- Failing grades
 - o If a student uses gen AI for disallowed purposes while completing an assignment, they may receive a failing grade for it.

College University considers copying or not citing gen AI information in written content plagiarism. So, these punishments follow our plagiarism policy closely.

