Disclosing & Citing AI Use

1. When to Disclose

Disclose if AI helped shape your content or communication in a meaningful way:

- Generated writing, code, images, or data
- Brainstormed or outlined ideas
- Summarized, reworded, or restructured content
- Rewrote sentences for clarity or tone
- Created visuals (e.g., posters or slides)
- Analyzed or visualized data

No need to disclose minor edits—basic grammar or spelling checks are like spellcheck.

2. How to Disclose

Basic Format: I wrote this work, with [type of support] from [AI tool, version if known]. I reviewed and edited all final content myself.

In Papers: Add a sentence to the introduction or conclusion to explain how AI was used. You may also choose to include chat transcripts in an appendix.

In Presentations: last slide or near the AI-generated content

On Posters: small text near image or at bottom

In Canvas Posts: short sentence at the end

Example 1 (for a paper)

• This paper was written by the author, with paraphrasing suggestions from Grammarly and brainstorming support from ChatGPT 4o. Final content is the author's own.

Example 2 (for a presentation)

• Slide text was written by the student. ChatGPT 40 was used to refine key points for clarity. Images were generated with DALL-E 2.

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3. Examples: Do I Need to Disclose?

Situation	Disclose?	Why
Used ChatGPT to polish	✓ Yes	AI influenced your language
your outline		
Used ChatGPT to	✓ Yes	Al shaped your structure
generate the outline		
Used Grammarly for	X No	Like spellcheck
grammar only		
Used Grammarly for	✓ Yes	AI reworded ideas from a source –
paraphrasing		not you
ChatGPT wrote your first	✓ Yes	Core content originated from AI
draft, you rewrote it		
Used AI-generated	✓ Yes	Ideas came from AI
examples or		
counterpoints		

4. How to Cite AI (APA Style)

Basic Format: Developer. (Year). Name of Tool [Description]. URL

Tool	In-Text	Full Reference
ChatGPT	(OpenAI, 2023)	OpenAI. (2023). ChatGPT (Mar 14
		version) [Large language model].
		https://chat.openai.com/chat
Grammarly	(Grammarly, 2024)	Grammarly. (2024). Grammarly. [Al
		writing assistant]
		https://www.grammarly.com
Copilot (Excel)	(Microsoft, 2024)	Microsoft. (2024). Copilot for
		Excel. [AI data assistant]
		https://www.microsoft.com
DALL·E 2	(OpenAI, 2023)	OpenAl. (2023). DALL·E 2 [Text-to-
		image generator].
		https://openai.com/dall-e

5. Reminders

- Always check your professor's AI policy—some allow certain AI uses, but not others.
- ✓ You're responsible for understanding your work—even if AI helped.
- Accuracy, originality, and meeting assignment expectations are still your job.

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