



Policy AC072: Artificial Intelligence Acceptable Use

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A. Intent

To articulate appropriate and inappropriate uses of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies by students in their academic work at PennWest University, consistent with policies and principles of academic integrity.

B. Definition(s)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies: Computer systems able to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation. Artificial intelligence technologies include, but are not limited to:

- **Generative AI:** Artificial intelligence algorithms that can create new content, such as images, text, or music, and other multimodal tools based on predictive patterns created by training data in AI models.
- **Machine Learning:** A branch of artificial intelligence that enables computer systems to learn from data, identify patterns, and make decisions or predictions without explicit programming.

C. Policy

1. Students may employ AI technologies to augment and facilitate a student's own process of research, analysis, and knowledge acquisition and development; students may not employ AI technologies as a full substitution for individual effort. Students remain responsible for contributing their own original thoughts, interpretations, communication (written, oral, visual), and intellectual labor to academic work.
2. Students may not:

- a. Submit or represent work generated entirely or substantially by AI as their own original work
 - b. Unless explicitly permitted, use AI technologies to complete assignments or assessments (for example, exams or quizzes) designed to evaluate an individual student's skills, knowledge, or capabilities
3. When incorporating any text, data, calculations, or other content generated by AI technologies, students must clearly cite and attribute the AI source material just as they would for traditional sources. Attribution should follow the citation style prescribed for the course or discipline.
4. Instructors may choose to permit, or further restrict, the use of AI technologies for certain assignments or assessments aimed at evaluating specific skills. Students must adhere to the guidelines and parameters set and communicated by their instructors regarding AI usage for those academic exercises.
5. Faculty are encouraged to communicate to students their expectations regarding the appropriate use of AI technologies in their course consistent with this policy. Absent additional faculty clarification or modification, students must adhere to the parameters of this policy and related University policies on academic integrity (policy AC059) and acceptable use of technology (policy IT001).
6. Violations of this policy will be considered academic misconduct and addressed through the University's academic integrity processes.

D. Procedure(s)

Suspected violations of this policy will be addressed using processes established in applicable University policies.

E. Related Policies

Student Code of Conduct (SA003)

Academic Integrity (AC059)

Acceptable Use (IT001)

Course Syllabus (AC002)

F. Contact Information

For additional information, please contact the Office of the Provost.

G. Policy Review Schedule

This policy will be reviewed every two years; or as needed based on emerging issues or advances in AI technologies impacting academic integrity; or as needed if a change in BOG, PASSHE, or Pennsylvania law would create the need for an immediate change.