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Course Policy Regarding Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools

Artificial intelligence (AI) tools are neither inherently good nor bad. They are tools, and what matters is how we use them. I encourage you to use AI to help you learn, master the material we will cover in this course, and enhance your ability to think critically. There are many ways to use AI that empower your learning.

However, I have observed a strong tendency for students to use AI tools to avoid challenging tasks, especially those that involve critical thinking, connecting multiple ideas in complex ways, and putting ideas into words. Unfortunately, these are the most valuable skills you must master as part of a college education, and they can only be learned through time, effort, and practice. In this sense, outsourcing this kind of work to AI tools seriously compromises your development as a student and undermines the value of the college education you are working and sacrificing so much for.

Submitting AI-generated content as your own work undermines your learning, is forbidden in this course, and is considered academic dishonesty. To be specific, this means copying AI-generated text or images and submitting them as all or part of an assignment, quiz, exam, or project without clearly citing the text, image, or other content as AI-generated. To be clear: any AI-generated text, even just a few words in a row, that you insert into an assignment you submit as your own work is not allowed.

Here's how you can use AI and avoid violating the course AI policy:

- Clearly cite AI-generated text, images and other content wherever you use them as part of an assignment. In doing so, be sure to clearly indicate which text, images, etc., were AI-generated and, in addition, include the following information:
 - The prompt you used to generate the content
 - The AI tool, version, and date created
- Make sure that instances of directly including AI-generated content are vastly outweighed by words and images you yourself generated (similar to how you would use other sources in your work)
- If you paraphrased AI-generated content and/or used it to inspire your own work, make sure to include somewhere in the assignment (at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end) a statement saying so, including the prompt, tool, version, and date as mentioned above

If I suspect that you have submitted AI-generated content as your own, I will give you a zero on that assignment. I will use my own judgement as well as AI-detection tools in making this assessment. If you feel that I have made this assessment in error, you are invited to come in person to my student hours (or join via Zoom if you cannot make it to campus) and we will discuss it together. Repeat violations will result in a mandatory conversation with me and I reserve the right to report the matter to the College.

If you are ever uncertain about specific situations, what constitutes a violation of this policy, or how to use AI without violating our course AI policy, please don't hesitate to reach out! I'm more than happy to discuss AI-related matters with you. This is new territory for all of us, so let's all learn together how to use AI tools in a constructive way.