

Generative AI Policy in Animal Science Graduate Program

One of the goals of a graduate program is for the students to develop critical thinking and writing skills.

Use of generative artificial intelligence and artificial intelligence–assisted technologies in the final writing of the dissertation, preliminary exam proposal and any other creative writing process is ***strongly discouraged***. However, advisors have the option to allow their students to use it if appropriate to their area of research. An email or other documented permission from the advisor is required to be in the student file (advisors send this document to the GPC).

If the students use GAI for the purposes described above, they must include a statement as a footnote on their final work: “During the preparation of this work, I used [tool or service; ex: ChatGPT] in order to [reason for use]. After using [tool or service], I reviewed and edited the content as needed and take full responsibility for the content of the final paper.” If the student was found not to disclose the use of GAI, this would be considered academic dishonesty and [plagiarism](#), and may lead to dismissal from the program.

A statement on their final work is not necessary for the use of basic tools (for example, those that check grammar, spelling, references, and so on) and GAI statistics code writing. However, students must inform their advisor(s) that they are using GAI for the purposes mentioned in this paragraph.