

The [AIEA lab](#) (led by PI Leilani H. Gilpin) allows the use of AI under specific circumstances, but always with clear and transparent attribution. Please read this policy carefully if you plan to make use of AI resources.

Submitting AI-generated work as if it were your own is considered academic misconduct, and if Leilani or the project leads determine that you have used generative AI one of the unauthorized ways below, Leilani will report the violation through the university's academic integrity process.

Caution: These tools are not always reliable and can often hallucinate! In fact, one of the goals of our lab is to improve the trustworthiness of these tools. Therefore, always approach AI-generated content with a critical mindset by analyzing, double-checking, and questioning every answer provided.

Authorized Uses of AI Tools

General

- Personalized tutoring: Asking for alternative explanations of concepts.
- Brainstorming (as long as you treat the suggestions as such, and not truth).

Coding

- Explaining pieces of pre-existing code.
- Searching for library functions that perform a specific operation (e.g., finding a PyTorch function to sum all columns of a vector).
 - Always verify the function in the official documentation.
- Assisting with debugging and configurations (e.g., installing and downloading packages).
- You are responsible for every piece of code you submit or show us, and you must understand its functionality.

Reports and Deliverables

- Editing for grammar, writing mechanics, and punctuation.
- Improving readability, clarity, or writing style.
- There is no need for perfection: a simple, clear language is preferred. Only use AI for writing improvements if you feel it is truly necessary.
- If AI is used, clearly state the name and version of the AI, the prompt used, and the response received in your submitted report (this information does not count toward page limits).

Unauthorized Uses of AI Tools

General

- Generate images/videos that need to be provided as deliverables
- Generate entire deliverables

Coding

- Using AI to generate entire functions that you are expected to create yourself (i.e., vibe coding).
 - For example, asking “Generate a function that sums two vectors element-wise and then prints the result” is considered unauthorized.
 - If you are unsure whether your prompts fall under authorized or unauthorized usage, please consult the teaching team before submitting your deliverable.
- Using AI to create the general workflow or overall structure of your code.
- Any usage that follows this pattern: **ask a question, copy the answer, paste the answer without understanding or reflecting on it.**

Reports and Deliverables

- Asking AI to draft an outline or skeleton.
- Asking AI to write the report based on an outline you provided.
 - Using AI to hide plagiarism or to mislead readers about the provenance of your submitted work
- Using AI to make edits to your writing in ways that substantively change the voice of your work (in other words, using AI to write in ways that you cannot write on your own)

Questions

If you are unsure whether your intended use of AI falls into authorized or unauthorized categories, please consult Leilani or your project management lead.