

HU 3015 AI and Writing Policy

To use our shared class AI Account:

- <https://chat.openai.com/>
- Username: un1015mtufall2023@gmail.com
- Password: MonsterComp!

Increasingly, AI tools like ChatGPT (an example of what are called generative AI or LLMs–Large Language Models) are tools that students and teachers are using for various purposes. Likewise, they are becoming integrated into some of our everyday composing resources like Word or Google Doc. The key goal of our course, like any writing experience, is to use words, sources, and technology tools in transparent, accountable, and ethical ways. For this course, if you decide to use a Generative AI (GAI) tool like ChatGPT, reflect that use in the following ways.

Transparency

- **Drafts/Texts Submitted for Credit:** If you use GAI in a way that includes text you are fully integrating into your final submitted draft for assessment, you must enclose it in quotation marks (four or more words in a row) and include a parenthetical citation according to the guidelines listed below under “mechanics.”
- **Process Uses:** If you use GAI as part of your writing process, explain in your [author’s note](#) how you used it and with what outcome.

Accountability

- **Drafts and Process:** The most important thing to know about GAI at this time in its development and use is that it often produces false information and invented sources. Experts call this “hallucinations.” Read [this story](#), [this story](#), and [this story](#) for the professional consequences of not critically analyzing the information produced by GAI. In other words, it will be essential that anything you input, generate, and use from GAI be vetted. ChatGPT, specifically, invents sources that do not exist, can reproduce misinformation, and does not have a “Fact checker” for truth. Only your human brain can do that! And for work submitted for university credit, you are the responsible person for the ideas and words you present. [Rutgers’ university’s current policy](#) recommendations are useful to understanding the variety of ways that faculty may be setting

guidelines around use of GAI. The important thing to note is that, at present, the university does not have an institutional policy around the use of GAI and so it is important for you as a student to attend carefully to the different attitudes faculty might have about the use of GAI for academic purposes.

Ethics

- Generally speaking, writers are responsible for the words and ideas they put out into the world, whether in a public venue, or for evaluation by a reader of some kind. Words and ideas that are submitted for assessment by an instructor are bound by a particular set of guidelines and rules (review the [MTU Academic Integrity](#) Policy for more information). You can review this link for information about sanctions and students rights related to academic misconduct: [Senate Procedure 109.1.1](#) Ultimately, the ethics of using GAI for you personally as a writer and communicator will be driven by your goals, values, and context. In your career as a college student, you will develop both a personal code of ethics and an understanding of the codes of ethics that govern the academic and other communities of which you are a part.

Mechanics

- As with any typical citation style, language that is not your own (typically the use of four or more words in a row from a source that you did not generate independently) must be enclosed in quotation marks. Reworked or paraphrased language should be signaled by a parenthetical citation.
 - The American Psychological Association's APA style guide webpage has prepared these guidelines on how to cite chat GPT: [How to cite ChatGPT](#)
 - The Modern Language Association's style guide has this page on how to cite chatGPT or other generative AI tools: [How do I cite generative AI in MLA style?](#)
 - If you are using a citation style specific to your area of study, do a google search to determine whether the governing body responsible for the maintenance of citation guidelines has a similar resource.