

Writing with Artificial Intelligence and ChatGPT

Writing courses at Grand Valley State University teach students important writing, information literacy, and critical thinking skills that lay a foundation for the writing students will do in their professions. However, the introduction of ChatGPT and other generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) tools create interesting challenges and learning opportunities for students as they build their writing skills.

While the future of GenAI suggests there will be exciting opportunities and developments, currently much of the material these tools create may be inaccurate, outdated, biased, or otherwise problematic. Moreover, relying too heavily on GenAI tools during the writing process may stifle your own independent thinking, creativity, and growth as a writer.

In your writing courses, you may not submit any work generated by an AI program as your own without properly citing it. Additionally, you are not permitted to submit an entire paper/project that has been wholly generated by AI tools for a grade.

If you use GenAI in a writing course, we recommend that you to follow these guidelines:

- **Use AI Critically and Cautiously:** As a writer, you are ultimately responsible for what your text says and how it says it, including any inaccuracies, problematic language, or misrepresentations that an AI tool might generate. We encourage you to:
 - Check the material that is generated carefully. Make sure that the facts are correct and up-to-date.
 - Review the material to determine it does not contain (intentional and/or unintentional) bias.
 - Ensure that you are not violating GVSU plagiarism policies.
- **Limit Your Use of AI.** It is important that **your** voice, ideas, and perspectives are clear in the work you do, so we encourage you to not rely on AI tools so much that your views get lost or you miss out on opportunities to develop your critical thinking skills.
- **Cite Interactions with AI:** Interactions with ChatGPT or other forms of AI must be cited as a source in your essay/project. If you paraphrase or directly quote material generated through an interaction with ChatGPT or AI, that information must also be cited with an in-text citation and on your works cited or citation list. The article "[How to cite Chat GPT](#)" in APA style will provide you with details on how to cite interactions with AI.