

Auburn University

Guidelines for Artificial Intelligence (AI) Usage by Graduate Students

Permissibility

- Each graduate program may develop guidelines for the permissible usage of AI in research and/or writing of theses, dissertations, and other works by graduate students.
- Program specific guidelines must adhere to overarching Auburn University principles and guidelines, which can be found at [ADVISORY GUIDANCE: USE OF GENERATIVE AI TOOLS | OACP](#)
- Program GPOs are responsible for ensuring that the program specific guidelines remain in accordance with the overarching AU principles and guidelines, which may evolve in response to this rapidly advancing technology.
- Such guidelines should follow the normative expectations for graduates in their specific discipline.
- Students writing for external publications should follow the guidelines and requirements of those publications.

Disclosure

- Students are responsible for understanding and following AU and program-specific guidelines regarding the usage of AI.
- Usage of AI by graduate students in research and writing must be disclosed and approved by the student's advisory committee.
- The disclosure will include the various ways AI tools have been used in conducting the research and/or writing the thesis, or dissertation, or other academic document.
- AI use disclosure will be included as part of the official thesis/dissertation format requirements.

Guidance

- Graduate programs will provide guidance to graduate students on the responsible and ethical use of AI tools to protect students from future academic and professional risks.
- Graduate programs will provide training resources for faculty and graduate students on the responsible use of AI tools in their respective fields.
- Graduate faculty will work closely with their mentees to verify the authenticity and originality of their research and writing.