Grand Canyon University: Student Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI can significantly enhance learning and decision-making processes, promote efficiency, and cultivate a well-rounded academic experience. Maintaining academic integrity and character remains at the core of our institution's values. GCU policies about AI use are designed to prevent any violation of academic integrity while also ensuring that our students' privacy is well protected.

There is tremendous potential of AI to enhance the learning experience and can be used to support learning, such as by aiding in understanding complex concepts, organizing thoughts, generating ideas, and facilitating more effective study and research strategies. GCU stresses the importance of an individual's direct involvement and commitment to their academic development. AI should be used to complement, rather than substitute the intellectual investments necessary for achieving meaningful educational outcomes and future career skills. GCU's Code of Conduct policy is clear on academic integrity; students must produce original work, cite their sources, and present assessments that showcase their own learning outcomes.

Guidelines for Student Use of AI:

- Unless explicitly approved by an instructor or required within the syllabus or announcements, AI-generated text and images are not allowed for any type of graded assessments, benchmark assignments, papers, projects, quizzes, presentations, and Discussion Questions.

- For tasks unrelated to graded assessments, such as brainstorming topics, developing study plans, identifying alternative ways to complete problems, summarizing long texts, and proofreading writing, students are permitted to use AI like any other type of academic source material.

- Give credit to the AI tools you used by citing your source in accordance with university guidelines or via syllabus/instructor expectations, see below for format.

- Use AI wisely with the aim of deepening your understanding of the subject matter to support your learning process. Slight changes of a prompt can lead to different output compromising the validity and reliability of the AI source – it cannot be assumed to be correct.

- Do not disclose personal or confidential information.

- Do not use any offensive, discriminatory, or inappropriate content.

- Verify the accuracy or reported facts with other trusted sources.

- Citation and reference to an AI source format is below (APA):

  Format:
  Author. (Year). *Title* (version) [Description]. URL
  Example:
  OpenAI. (2023). *ChatGPT* (Mar 14 version). https://chat.openai.com/chat.

Threats & Limitations: Any private, proprietary such as course examination or assignment materials, or confidential data/information put into an Open AI tool becomes available to everyone using the Open AI – it is not secure or private in any way. There is significant risk to personal and institutional data if caution is not used.