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Purpose

This policy addresses the use (or lack thereof) of AI tools such as ChatGTP in courses, thesis, and dissertations. Additional guidance may be forthcoming as these technologies evolve.

Policy Details

Irresponsible or impermissible use of generative AI tools (ChatGPT being one of many) in fulfilling curricular requirements will be considered a violation of the Honor Code and adjudicated by the Honor Council. Irresponsible use of generative AI tools includes but is not limited to failure to critically evaluate the accuracy of the generated content (whether text, video, or audio). Impermissible use of generative AI tools includes but is not limited to inappropriate citation of generated content and the use of generated content in violation of course instructions. Irresponsible use of generative AI tools may result in the spread of misinformation, whereas the impermissible use may constitute plagiarism or cheating. Generative AI tools do have the potential to both assist the student in the learning process and enhance their work. However, achieving these benefits requires the student to use generative AI tools in an appropriate and responsible manner.

The ultimate decision for the use of AI tools in a course lies with the instructor(s). The instructor should be clear and transparent about which tools are allowed and which ones are not. The instructor must clearly state in the course syllabus to what degree students may use AI tools or if the use of such tools is prohibited.

A student's research advisor in consultation with the student's faculty committee will decide on the use of AI tools in thesis/dissertations. The student must be informed in writing by the research advisor the extent to which AI tools may or may not be used. Such information must be given to the student as soon as possible but no later than the student's inaugural committee meeting.

Policy Scope

Applies to all enrolled students.

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Definitions

Artificial Intelligence. Any tool that appears to be able to accomplish activities that could be attributed to natural intelligence.
ChatGPT. A generative AI tool.
Honor Code. The University of Tennessee Health Science Center Student Honor Code.

Procedures

1. Instructors will clearly state course AI policies in course syllabi.
2. A student's research advisor will discuss with the student their expectations regarding the use of AI tools.
3. The student's Faculty Committee will determine the extent to which AI tools may be used in the preparation of the thesis/dissertation.

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