

Ethical Use of AI in Composition I

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools are powerful resources that can support your learning when used appropriately. However, in this class, your work must represent your thinking, writing, and learning—not a machine’s. To protect the integrity of your work and ensure you grow as a writer, we will follow the guidelines below.

Key Rule

You **cannot use AI to write or rewrite any part of your essays or assignments on your behalf**. This includes tools like Grammarly, ChatGPT, or any program that generates, revises, or rewrites sentences and paragraphs for you.

Turnitin AI Detection

All written work you submit will be screened through Turnitin. This includes both:

- **Plagiarism detection** (comparing your work against published sources and past student work).
- **AI writing detection** (an AI screener).

⚠️ **Any submission flagged with an AI similarity score of 20% or higher will automatically receive a grade of 0, and the student will be required to attend an academic interview to defend their work.**

When You Can Use AI vs. When You Cannot Use AI

✔ Acceptable Uses of AI (to support your process)	✗ Unacceptable Uses of AI (academic dishonesty)
Brainstorming possible essay topics	Asking AI to write your essay (in whole or in part)
Generating idea lists, questions, or angles to explore	Copying/pasting AI-generated text into your assignment
Organizing your ideas or creating an outline	Using AI to revise, rewrite, or rephrase your sentences or paragraphs
Testing your topic against assignment criteria (scope, length, relevance)	Submitting AI-written work as your own original writing
Evaluating your thesis statement against assignment requirements	Using AI to summarize readings or course texts instead of doing the reading yourself
Asking AI to suggest possible counterarguments or perspectives	Using Grammarly (or similar tools) to automatically rewrite sentences/essays for you
Using AI like a peer editor: asking for feedback, clarity checks, or revision suggestions	Having AI fix grammar, mechanics, or style for you instead of revising on your own
Getting guidance on how to revise after you've drafted your own work	Relying on AI for research summaries without verifying sources yourself
Using AI to practice skills (e.g., asking it to quiz you on concepts)	Using AI to generate citations or bibliographies without checking them for accuracy

Why These Rules Matter

- Writing is a skill you build through practice, not outsourcing.
- Submitting AI-generated work undermines your integrity as a student and violates academic honesty standards.
- Appropriate AI use can enhance your critical thinking, brainstorming, and revising—but the writing must always be yours.

👉 By continuing in this course, you agree to follow these guidelines on AI use. Violations will be treated as academic misconduct under the college's code of conduct.

