Faculty Matrix Tool for Generative AI Policies

As we encourage students to ask clarifying questions about Generative AI (GenAI)—that is, if it is allowed in our courses and, if so, to what extent—the following matrix is meant to help us develop course policies about GenAI and prepare for some of those student questions.

Reading & Researching	Allowable/ Prohibited/	Why?
	Mixed	
	Use?	
-Is it allowable to use GenAI to		
explain keywords or concepts?		
-Is it allowable to use GenAI to		
summarize a text?		
-Is it allowable to use GenAI to		
paraphrase a text?		
-Is it allowable to use GenAI to		
suggest keywords, journals,		
scholars in a field, or a school		
of thought?		

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Understanding an Assignment	Allowable/	Why?
Prompt	Prohibited/	
	Mixed	
	Use?	
-Is it allowable to use GenAI to		
summarize, paraphrase, or		
explain an assignment prompt?		
-Is it allowable to ask GenAI		
questions about discipline or		
genre in an assignment?		
-Is it allowable to ask GenAI to		
create a model text or explain		
how to create parts of an		
assignment (e.g. a literature		
review)?		

Outlining & Drafting	Allowable/	Why?
	Prohibited/	-
	Mixed Use?	
-Is it allowable to use GenAI to		
brainstorm ideas before starting to		
write?		
-Is it allowable to generate an		
outline using GenAI?		
-Is it allowable to generate the first		
draft of an assignment using GenAI?		
-If it is allowable to use GenAI		
throughout drafting, are there		
requirements for citing GenAI?		

Should citing take place through	
sentence-level citations, a disclosure	
statement, or both?	
-Are there models for the	
requirements for citing?	
-If the same prompt can generate a	
different response, should all	
prompts and responses be saved as	
an addendum to a piece of writing?	

Revising and/or Editing	Allowable/	Why?
	Prohibited/	
	Mixed Use?	
-Is it allowable to use GenAI to		
obtain suggestions for organization,		
structure, or content of an existing		
draft?		
-Is it allowable to use GenAI to		
identify sentence-level suggestions		
or corrections?		

Other Cases of Composing	Allowable/	Why?
	Prohibited/	
	Mixed Use?	
-Is it allowable to use GenAI for		
computational or research practices?		
(e.g. assignments involving		
calculations, formulas, or statistics?)		
-Is GenAI allowable in visual or		
multimodal forms, such as for		
generating images, audio, or video?		

Some additional resources for "citations" may include the following:

https://libguides.brown.edu/c.php?g=1338928&p=9868287

https://guides.nyu.edu/data/ai-citations

A disclosure statement could involve the following:

I acknowledge the use of [specific GenAI system] to [explain specific function(s)]. The prompts used included the following: [list prompts]. I used the output generated from these prompts to [explain use].