

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Misuse of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) undermines the College's mission to educate and equip students to lead lives of impact through transformative academics in a Christ-centered community. This policy establishes expectations for the responsible and ethical use of GenAI technologies in academic and research contexts.

General Principles

Students are expected to use GenAI technologies in ways that support, rather than replace, genuine engagement in learning. Before using AI, students should carefully consider whether it is supplementing or substituting for meaningful educational participation.

Prohibited Uses

The following are examples of prohibited uses. Your instructor may clarify additional prohibited uses.

- **Academic Misrepresentation:** Presenting GenAI or AI-modified content as one's own original work constitutes academic dishonesty.
- **Citation Fabrication:** Using AI to produce false or unverifiable references or data.
- **Unauthorized Use:** Using GenAI in ways that violate an instructor's stated policies or without explicit permission. This breaches the College's Academic Integrity Policy.
- **Unverified Information:** Submitting or relying on GenAI information without verification also violates standards of academic integrity.
- **Exam or Assessment Misuse:** Using AI during closed-book exams, quizzes, or assessments unless explicitly authorized.
- **Other Deceptive Practices:** Using AI to impersonate another person, falsify data, or misrepresent academic work.

Permitted Use

Use of GenAI in a course is at the discretion of the instructor. Individual instructors may set more specific guidelines for GenAI use in their courses than what is stated in this policy. Students are responsible for understanding and following course-specific expectations for GenAI.

GenAI may be used:

- If it is explicitly permitted as stated in the syllabus or assignment for the specific course and/or assignments.
- When the Instructor grants permission for students to use it in specific ways for specific assignments

Consultation and Oversight

When GenAI use is not explicitly addressed in course materials or departmental guidelines, students must seek guidance from their course instructor to determine appropriate use.

The university reserves the right to use methods and/or technology to ensure compliance with this policy. This may include, but is not limited to, the use of cameras and/or the installing of software on personal or university-owned computers.

Accountability

Violations are addressed in the University Academic Honesty (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/arts-sciences/general-information/academic-honesty/>) Policy.