

AI FRAMEWORK FOR BRANDEIS STUDENTS

GUIDELINES FOR USING GENERATIVE AI IN COURSEWORK, ASSIGNMENTS, AND UNIVERSITY RESEARCH



IS GENERATIVE AI USE ALLOWED BY YOUR PROFESSOR?

Before you use generative AI tools in your assignments and research, double check that you are allowed to do so.

If you are not allowed to use generative AI in your course, assignment, or research, do not risk it!

If you are allowed to use generative AI tools, consider the following four points in your use.



IS THE AI TOOL HELPING YOU THINK OR IS IT THINKING FOR YOU?

Generative AI tools are just that--tools. If you are using a tool to think for you (provide complete answers, full written pieces, or entire sections of code) you may want to rethink your approach.

Treat generative AI as a tool to help you, instead. Use it to refine, add to, or push you in a direction.



HAVE YOU CHECKED AND DOUBLE CHECKED THE OUTPUT?

Although generative AI tools are improving all the time, these tools regularly make up data, answers, and even entire citations. Material that these tools pull from may also be biased, retracted, or full of other errors.

If you are using generative AI tools YOU are still responsible for the output. If the AI makes a mistake, it becomes your mistake.



HAVE YOU APPROPRIATELY CITED OR DOCUMENTED YOUR AI USE?

Generative AI output must be openly documented and cited. Each of the three major citation styles has their own rules for how to cite generative AI, and more are updating as the tools evolve.

If you're not sure how to document or cite your generative AI use, check out our guide:

guides.library.brandeis.edu/citeai



REMEMBER: GENERATIVE AI TOOLS USE YOUR DATA

Generative AI tools use your data to improve themselves. Any data you put in, including your prompts, become part of the model.

Confidential data should not be used in generative AI tools, and you should be careful with your prompts and any personal data.

Copyright and intellectual property issues are still being worked out with generative AI use.