This policy is designed to help you navigate the world of Generative AI while ensuring you learn the material. Think of AI as a **power tool**: it may help you build a house faster, but you still need to know how to build the house.

AI Academic Integrity Policy

1. The Core Philosophy

The goal of your education is to develop **your** critical thinking, creativity, and voice. AI should be used to **augment** your intelligence, not **replace** it. Use AI to brainstorm, clarify complex concepts, or debug code, but the final output must always be a reflection of your own understanding.

2. The "Stoplight" Framework

To make things simple, we use a stoplight system for assignments. If a syllabus doesn't specify a level, assume **Level 1 (Red)** applies.

Level	Status	Guidance
Level 1	🔴 **Prohibited**	No AI tools allowed. This is for foundational skills where you need to show you can do the work manually (e.g., basic math, in-class essays).
Level 2	🟡 **Assisted**	AI can be used for brainstorming, outlining, or tutoring. You must cite the tool and explain how you used it.
Level 3	🟢 **Integrated**	Full use of AI is encouraged to complete the task. The focus is on how you prompt, refine, and verify the AI's output.

3. Permitted Uses (The "Green Light")

Unless otherwise stated, you are generally encouraged to use AI for:

- **Brainstorming:** "Give me 5 unique angles for an essay on the Industrial Revolution."
- **Clarification:** "Explain the Second Law of Thermodynamics like I'm a high schooler."
- **Formatting:** Using AI to help generate citations or check for grammatical errors.
- **Study Prep:** Asking the AI to quiz you on specific chapter notes.

4. Prohibited Uses (The "Hard No")

The following actions constitute academic dishonesty:

- **Ghostwriting:** Submitting an essay or project where the majority of the text was generated by AI.
- **Data Hallucination:** Including "facts," quotes, or citations generated by AI without verifying them. (AI can be confidently wrong; you are responsible for its mistakes).
- **Bypassing Objectives:** Using AI to solve problems that are specifically designed to test your manual proficiency.

5.0. Privacy and Data Protection

To protect personal privacy and comply with data protection standards:

- **Personally Identifiable Information (PII):** Prohibited data includes full names, student ID numbers, home addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, passwords, and identifiable photos of oneself or others.

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6. How to Cite Your AI

Transparency is your best defense. If you use AI in a "Yellow Light" assignment, include an **AI Disclosure Statement** at the end of your work:

AI Disclosure: I used [Model Name, e.g., Gemini 3 Flash] to help generate an initial outline for Section 2. I then wrote the content myself and verified all historical dates against the course textbook.

7. The "Human-in-the-Loop" Rule

You are the captain of the ship. Any content you submit under your name is your responsibility. If the AI "hallucinates" a fake source or uses biased language and you submit it, the academic consequences fall on **you**.