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Dear Students

THE USE OF GENERATIVE AI IN LEARNING

The use of ChatGPT and other generative AI has taken the world by storm, and its implications for university education are going to be very significant.

Studying at university is not just about acquiring knowledge. It is important to utilise and apply the knowledge and experience gained in classes, research activities etc., both in university and beyond. In other words, you are expected to use the knowledge and experience you have gained as a basis to solve problems whilst thinking for yourself, and to broaden that knowledge through discussions with your peers and teachers. We hope that you will deepen your learning by accumulating such experiences and play an active role in the wider world in the future.

Generative AI can be an effective tool when used appropriately. However, its answers should not be taken for granted as they are not always, if ever, accurate. Specifically, relying on generative AI to write essays etc. should be strictly avoided. You need to carefully consider not only how to use and deal with generative AI, but also the content it generates. As a member of the academic community, it is also extremely important to observe academic integrity and research ethics when using generative AI. With this in mind, the following guidelines regarding the preparation of essays, dissertations, etc. are given below:

1. General appropriate use

Only use generative AI as a supplemental tool based on your learning objectives. Consider whether using it is in the best interests of your own learning and research before using it. Thinking about appropriate prompts for the generative AI and using it for brainstorming may facilitate learning.

2. Examine the content generative AI creates carefully

The information created using generative AI may not be true or accurate. If you use generative AI to assist you in writing an essay or academic paper, be sure to verify that the content is reliable. The information may be false or biased.

3. Protect intellectual property rights

Text created by generative AI may contain other people's copyrighted work, and using that text may infringe on intellectual property rights. When using text created by generative AI, record the prompts entered and the answers given by the generative AI, so that they can be clearly identified as reference material.

Follow the rules when citing copyrighted works, and be sure to obtain permission from the rights holder when reproducing the work of others.

4. Maintain ethical conduct

Generative AI may reflect human prejudice and discrimination, and may contain expressions that constitute slander or an invasion of privacy, so an ethical attitude is required when using it.

5. Be careful about data privacy

Always be aware of what information you input. The contents entered may be used by the AI itself or its management company. Never input personal information, confidential information, or research data (experimental results, survey results, etc.). Note that some generative AIs may allow you to prevent the information you enter from being used for its training.

6. Be responsible

Although the texts and other materials produced by the Generation AI are not the ideas of the students, you are responsible for them. Therefore, you will be held responsible for any deviation from social ethics, such as plagiarism, copyright infringement, or privacy violation.

Using generative AI may be restricted or prohibited on some courses and disciplinary action may be taken if it is used inappropriately. If you have any questions or concerns, be sure to talk with your course instructor or supervisor and follow their instructions.

Finally, the use of AI in academic papers differs depending on the field of specialisation and the academic journal. Be sure to check in advance and comply with their respective policies.

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