

Color-Coded AI Course and Assignment Policy¹

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Each professor may adapt this policy to suit the specific needs of -his/her course(s) or assignment(s).

1) AI Usage Guidelines for Courses

Each professor may apply this policy to an individual course, as appropriate.

● ✓ Green: AI Use Permitted

Students **may use approved AI tools** in this course. However, the instructor reserves the right to restrict AI use for specific assignments.

Note: AI tools may support the creative and ideation process, but students are expected to produce **original work**. Reliance solely on AI to complete assignments is not permitted. Students must disclose the usage of AI in any assignment where the AI usage is permitted, and as instructed by the instructor(s) of the course and provide proper reference as instructed in section 4.5 of the CSU AI Policy.

● ⚠ Yellow: AI Use Restricted

Students **may not use AI tools** in this course **unless** the instructor provides **explicit permission** for a particular assignment.

Note: When permitted, AI tools may assist with creativity and brainstorming. However, students must ensure their submissions reflect **independent thought and originality**. Students must disclose the usage of AI in any assignment where the AI usage is permitted, and as instructed by the instructor(s) of the course and provide proper reference as instructed in section 4.5 of the CSU AI Policy.

● ● Red: AI Use Prohibited

Students **may not use any AI tools** for any work in this course.

Note: All coursework must be completed **without the assistance of AI tools**, ensuring full academic integrity and personal accountability.

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2) AI Usage Guidelines for Assignments

Each professor may apply this policy to an individual assignment, as appropriate.

● ✓ Green: AI Use Permitted

Students **may use approved AI tools** for this assignment.

However, they are expected to produce **original work** and must not rely solely on AI to complete the assignment. Students must disclose the usage of AI in any assignment where the AI usage is permitted, and as instructed by the instructor(s) of the course and provide proper reference as instructed in section 4.5 of the CSU AI Policy.

● ⚠ Yellow: AI Use Restricted

Students **may use AI tools only for specific parts** of the assignment where the instructor has given **explicit permission**, for example, grammar checking or formatting assistance.

Note: Even when permitted, students must ensure their work reflects **independent thinking and originality**. Students must disclose the usage of AI in any assignment where the AI usage is permitted, and as instructed by the instructor(s) of the course and provide proper reference as instructed in section 4.5 of the CSU AI Policy.

● ● Red: AI Use Prohibited

Students **may not use any AI tools** for any part of this assignment.

Note: All work must be completed **independently**, without assistance from AI tools, to uphold academic integrity.