

Generative AI guidelines for students at ITU

ITU represents and adheres to widely accepted norms for academic behavior and honesty. As a student at ITU, you must always act with academic integrity and comply with the [ITU guidelines for academic conduct](#), including rules on plagiarism and exam fraud. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in disciplinary measures.

1. Generative AI for exams, final projects and course work

There are different rules for mandatory activities/exams and final projects. Please find them below.

The use of generative AI is not permitted for **mandatory activities and exams** unless this is explicitly stated in the course description. This also applies to written exams on premises and oral exams allowing all aids. Please find this information under 'Mandatory activities' and/or the exam paragraphs 'Ordinary exam' and 'Reexam' respectively. Here, the course manager can also state additional, but compliant, rules for the use of generative AI at the exam and during the course.

For **BSc final project or MSc thesis, MSc projects, and Master projects** it is always allowed to use generative AI, if you adhere to the requirements below.

2. Documentation requirement

Following the rules of proper academic conduct, it is never acceptable to present ideas or statements that are not your own without clearly referencing. When using generative AI for writing an exam assignment, project report, or thesis, you must therefore always clearly state *how* you have used generative AI and/or AI-supported technologies in the process and reference the source:

- State which generative AI-technology has been used.
- Describe how generative AI-technology has been used.
- Elaborate on how the output from the AI has been used in the text/project/thesis.

In some instances, it can be relevant to attach full chatbot logs with prompts, dates, and output, as appendices. Please find examples and best practices on this website (link available soon).

3. Writing code

The requirements above also apply to **code**. If you use AI to write program code for e.g., software, web, or statistical analysis, you must clearly state who has written what and explain how and why the individual parts of the code are composed as they are.

4. Generative AI as an object of study or method

Generative AI may in some cases be the object of study or a declared method. In this case, the problem statement must describe how AI technologies have been used. If generative AI-based programs are a part of the method for e.g., data analysis and statistics in assignments, project reports, or theses, it must be indicated which parts of the scientific process generative AI has been used for and the methodological considerations regarding those choices. This may be acceptable even if generative AI is not allowed for *writing* the assignment. If you are unsure if a specific use of generative AI is allowed, please ask your course manager.

5. Further relevant legislation

GDPR: The data you provide to the AI is not necessarily processed in accordance with the latest security standards, it may be shared with third parties, or it may be used to train the AI. Therefore, you should pay special attention to GDPR and personal data issues when prompting. This also applies when using your [ITU credentials for Copilot Chat](#). You are responsible for following GDPR legislation. [Learn more about GDPR on ITU Student](#).

Copyright: It is illegal to feed copyrighted material to all chatbots (including Copilot, ChatGPT, Claude, Mistral etc.), unless you have obtained explicit consent from the publisher. This means that it is illegal to upload textbooks or academic articles to all chatbots, unless you have consent. This also applies when using your [ITU credentials for Copilot Chat](#). You are responsible for following copyright legislation.

Confidentiality: If you are collaborating with a private company or a public institution, your use of generative AI may be subject to specific regulations on confidentiality. Consult your collaborator to ensure compliance.

If you have specific questions regarding the use of generative AI in relation to assignments, exams or course work, you should always ask your course manager or supervisor first. For more general questions regarding these rules, you are welcome to contact sap@itu.dk

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