WAC Committee Statement on the Use of AI (Artificial Intelligence) for Writing at FHSU
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Because they strive to promote the analytical, critical thinking, and writing skills needed for all student learning, professors expect writing assignments to be the student's original work. Every submission, then, should be an original composition that students create in response to course assignments. However, because FHSU values a culture of academic freedom, professors are encouraged to explore the use of AI in their respective fields.

The FHSU WAC Committee has consulted a variety of sources, including the Google Doc "Classroom Policies for AI Generative Tools," to provide faculty members with options for syllabus statements that reflect their own comfort level and expectations with regard to AI-generated texts.

The WAC Committee will continue to develop this statement as technologies and pedagogies evolve. Meanwhile, this early draft will give faculty an idea of the different levels of policy they can consider as they design courses and assignments that align with professional and ethical concerns as well as with the academic honesty policies at FHSU. Faculty should feel free to revise/combine/adjust the language below until they arrive at a statement that works best for their specific disciplines and courses.

Use Prohibited:
The use of AI-generated texts is strictly prohibited in this course. Assignments that are suspected of or found to be plagiarized or employ the use of unauthorized AI tools will be subject to the University Academic Honesty Policy and may result in a 0 for the assignment, failure of the course, and, if warranted, expulsion from FHSU.

Use only with prior permission:
Students can use AI-generated texts on assignments in this course if instructor permission is obtained in advance and content generated is properly cited. Unless given permission to use AI tools, each student is expected to complete each assignment without substantive assistance from others, including AI. Unauthorized or suspected unauthorized use of AI will be subject to the FHSU Academic Honesty Policy and may result in a 0 for the assignment, failure of the course, and, if warranted, expulsion from FHSU.

Use only with acknowledgement:
Students may use AI-generated texts on assignments in this course if that use is properly documented and credited. We will discuss the appropriate and ethical uses of AI and disciplinary requirements for citation of use. However, you should note that the material generated by these programs may be inaccurate, incomplete, or otherwise problematic. Also be aware that using AI can be a two-sided coin that can sometimes spark and sometimes stifle your own independent thinking and creativity.