Citing Artificial Intelligence (AI)

This document provides KSU Faculty with guidance on how to direct students to cite artificial intelligence (AI)-generated content in assignments and coursework.

AI Generated content or assistance can only be cited if it is explicitly 'allowed' or 'required' by the Course Facilitator. This information should be included in the Course Syllabus. For sample AI Use Syllabus statements, see the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment page.

All AI citation is guided by three principles embedded in the KSU Code of Academic Integrity.

1. Transparency: Content that has been generated or substantially aided by AI must be identified.

2. Attribution: When AI tools are used, appropriate credit to the specific AI tool/s used must be included.

3. Accuracy: AI-generated content can be false or misleading – it is always students' responsibility to check the accuracy and appropriateness of AI-generated or aided content.

APA (American Psychological Association) AI Citation

APA: AI Citation Format
Creator/Company (Year). Title and version of tool used (date of use) [AI Model]. URL

APA: AI Citation Examples
OpenAI (2024). ChatGPT 4 (March 2nd) [large language model].
https://openai.com/chatgpt
Microsoft (2024). Co-Pilot (March 2nd) [large language model].
https://copilot.microsoft.com/
Midjourney (2024). Midjourney 6 (March 2nd) [AI image generation].
https://www.midjourney.com

APA: More Information:
- Individual prompts and outputs from AI tools generate unique URLs accessible only to user accounts, resultingly APA citations use generic URLs – as shown above.
- For more information read the APA 'How to Cite ChatGPT' guide.

MLA (Modern Language Association) AI Citation

MLA: AI Citation Format
"Prompt". AI Tool and version. Company. Date of use. URL.

MLA: AI Citation Examples
"Cite ChatGPT in MLA style" ChatGPT 4. OpenAI. March 2nd 2024.
https://openai.com/chatgpt
"Cite ChatGPT in MLA style" Co-Pilot. Microsoft. March 2nd 2024.
https://copilot.microsoft.com/
"Student citing work" Midjourney 6. Midjourney Inc. March 2nd 2024.
https://www.midjourney.com

MLA: More Information
- Where extensive follow up prompts are used, provide an approximation of the "most final" version of the prompt. This should be no more than one sentence in length.
- Individual prompts and outputs generate unique URLs accessible only to user accounts, resultingly APA citations use generic URLs for AI tools – as shown above.
- For more information read the MLA "How do I cite generative AI" guide.

IEEE (Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers) & Chicago Manuel of Style AI Citation

As of February 9th, 2024, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) has not yet published official recommendations on citing AI-generated content.

However, the IEEE Author Centre recommends using the Chicago citation style to cite generative AI for courses that follow IEEE citation style.

IEEE/CMS: AI Citation Format
AI Tool and Version, response to "prompt," Company. Date of Access. URL.

IEEE/CMS: AI Citation Examples
ChatGPT 4, response to "Explain how to make pizza dough," OpenAI, March 2nd, 2024.
https://openai.com/chatgpt
Dall E 2, response to "Cyberpunk pizza parlor at 2am in Tokyo," OpenAI, March 2nd, 2024.
DALL·E 2 (openai.com)

IEEE/CMS: More Information
- It is likely that IEEE will provide further guidance regarding the citation of generative AI in 2024. Keep updated of any changes to IEEE citation on the IEEE website.
- For more information from the Chicago Manual of Style refer to the online Q&A.

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