

Navigating AI in Coursework: The Student Traffic Light Framework

A Standardized Framework for AI Expectations

Classroom teachers establish the required AI permission level (Red, Yellow, or Green) prior to the start of any assignment or assessment to ensure transparency and academic integrity.

Red Light: AI Not Allowed

Level Expectation:
Independent Work



- Students must complete all work entirely independently without any assistance from artificial intelligence tools.



Applicable Assessments



QUIZ



TEST



SKILLS
CHECK



READING
ASSESSMENT



IN-CLASS
WRITING
EXAMPLE

Standard Student/Teacher Statement:
"AI may not be used for any part of this assessment."

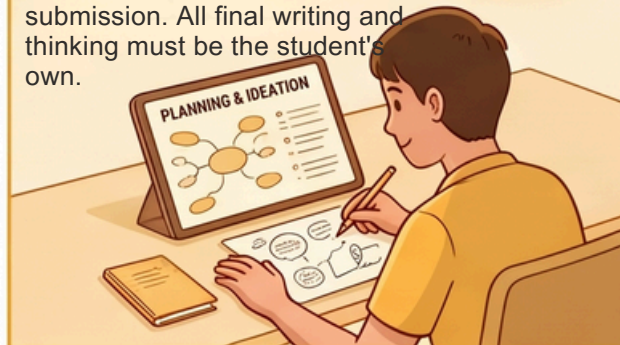
Disclosure Requirement:
No AI disclosure statement is required because AI use is strictly prohibited.

Yellow Light: AI Limited Use

Level Expectation:
Specific Support Tasks
Only



AI may be used for planning and ideation, but no AI-generated content is allowed in the final submission. All final writing and thinking must be the student's own.



Permitted Actions (✓)



BRAINSTORMING



GENERATING
QUESTIONS



ORGANIZING



CLARIFYING
IDEAS
CONCEPTS

Prohibited Actions (✗)



WRITING FINAL
RESPONSES



CREATING
FINAL PRODUCTS

Standard Student/Teacher Statement:
"You may use AI to generate ideas and planning support. All final writing and thinking must be your own."

Disclosure Requirement:
An AI disclosure statement explaining how AI was used must be included. An exported Word document from Copilot must be submitted with final submissions if required by the teacher.

Green Light: AI Encouraged

Level Expectation:
Intentional AI Integration



AI is intentionally integrated into the learning process to complete specific elements of the final submission as designated by the teacher.

Permitted & Encouraged Tasks



FEEDBACK
&
REVISION



REFLECTION &
RESEARCH
SUPPORT



SIMULATIONS



DATA
ANALYSIS

Standard Student/Teacher Statement:
"You are encouraged to use AI as part of this assignment. You must disclose how it was used."

Disclosure & Citation Requirement:
An AI disclosure statement must be included explaining usage. All AI content used must be cited. An exported Word document from Copilot must be submitted if required by the teacher.