Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

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Generative AI, like ChatGPT, is a type of artificial intelligence that is designed to generate new content (e.g., text, images) based on the patterns and information it has learned from large amounts of data. This type of AI doesn't just copy what it has seen; instead, it uses its understanding to make something new, often in response to questions or prompts given by users.

While there are many benefits of generative AI, and you are likely to eventually use it as a behavior analyst, using it to assist with completing assignments in the MA or GACT program is prohibited. The purpose of the written assignments in our program are to help students learn, integrate, reflect, and apply concepts, as well as developing critical thinking and writing skills. Utilizing AI to complete coursework hinders these learning opportunities which then leaves students unprepared to adequately support those who they will eventually serve. Therefore, students must generate their own work.

Summary of Artificial Intelligence Guidelines

1. Students are responsible for reading and adhering to the BAO Academic Integrity Policy, the BAO Artificial Intelligence Policy, and the UNT Student Academic Integrity Policy.
2. Students must use Microsoft Word or Google docs to complete all written assignments.
   a. UNT students receive free access to Microsoft Office 365 and to the OneDrive Office Web Apps. For more information and step-by-step instructions on installing Microsoft Office and using the OneDrive Office Web Apps, please see the IT Help Desk Website.
   b. Google docs are available to use for free.
3. **Do not use** Grammarly, Notes, or any other program or app that generates words, changes wording, or uses predictive text when preparing written work in your courses.
   a. All plugins/add-ins for Microsoft Word or Google Docs that generate or change text, such as Grammarly, ProWritingAid, Quillbot, etc. must be disabled or removed when completing coursework for UNT.
   b. For information on how to remove add-ins from Word, please see the Microsoft website.
4. Students can use the spell check and grammar check that are built into Microsoft Word or Google docs. These options typically underline errors and require the user to click on them to resolve the error. They do not generate text or use predictive text.
5. Students should use the Proofreading Checklist and APA Student Paper Checklist, which are available in the Resources module of every course.
6. Students who are concerned about their writing skills should utilize their free access to the UNT Writing Center.
7. It is acceptable to use AI as an additional support when studying course content (e.g., when seeking clarification about a concept). However, please keep in mind that AI has limitations of which to be aware:
   a. AI may generate content that is inaccurate or incomplete.
   b. AI models have built-in biases since they may be based on limited, unreliable, or problematic sources.
   c. AI may have limitations such as evaluating information and thinking critically.
8. It is never acceptable to submit projects or any written work that is partially or fully generated or edited by text-generating software.

Turnitin AI Detector

Turnitin's AI detector screens for AI on all assignments submitted through Turnitin. [Research provides strong support for the accuracy of Turnitin's AI identification tool](#) in distinguishing between content created by humans and content generated by AI.

If students follow the guidelines above, it is unlikely their papers will be flagged with a high AI score. Papers with a high AI score will receive a zero and be reported to the UNT Office of Academic Integrity. However, there are circumstances for which we may consider other individual factors, including our assessment of the content generated in conjunction with this policy. Please remember your first step is to contact your instructor immediately with any concerns regarding your grade because of this policy or any others.