Generative AI Policy Transcript

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Hello and welcome to a review of the Generative AI policy in the APU Student Handbook. My name is Dr. Bjorn Mercer, and we'll review the Generative AI policy while you're here as a student at American Public University.

The first thing you'll want to do is go to the APU Student Handbook. The APU and AMU Student Handbooks are the same. We're looking at the APU one right now. Scroll down to the Generative AI policy. This policy was implemented in August of 2024. The university supports the transparent and ethical use of Generative Artificial Intelligence, otherwise known as Gen-AI, which refers to technologies that can create text, images, and multimedia. All use of Gen-AI programs must comply with all university policies, including, without limitation, the university's academic integrity policy and the prohibited student conduct sections of the Student Handbook, as well as any guidelines provided by individual instructors.

Whenever you use Generative AI, you must review the prohibited student conduct and any other relevant guidelines in your classroom. Here is the core of the Generative AI policy: while Generative AI may be used to begin the process of researching and to provide editing assistance, Gen-AI-generated content is not considered original. When Generative AI creates content for you, it is not considered original by you as a student, so it must be cited as borrowed ideas, images, or wording. Any use of Generative AI that appears in a submission must be attributed or cited appropriately. For example, if you use ChatGPT, you must cite it. Students are responsible for the originality and accuracy of content developed from research or writing tools, including Gen-AI. When requested, students must reveal how and to what extent Gen-AI tools were used. Failure to adhere to this Gen-AI policy or any other policies and guidelines may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the university. This is serious.

To review, use Gen-AI transparently and ethically. If you use it, tell your instructor and cite it. Quote, cite, and reference it always. Comply with the Generative AI policy, the prohibited student conduct, and any guidelines in the classroom. Gen-AI-generated content is not considered original. If you use Gen-AI-created content, it must be quoted, cited, and referenced. If you submit a paper, essay, or presentation and a portion of it is created by Generative AI, you must cite it. Your faculty might ask for additional documentation on your use of Gen-AI content. Faculty are always looking for originality, which means that you created it. If there are any questions about that, the faculty member might ask you for additional documentation. Failure to follow Generative AI policies may result in disciplinary action.

This is the Generative AI policy at APU and AMU. Make sure that you follow it. It's very important. Generative AI is an amazing tool. If you use Copilot, it's an absolutely amazing tool that can help you, especially with research and brainstorming. When you go into your classes, please look at additional policies for the school or the class on how you can or cannot use Generative AI. We

highly recommend you use it, but use it with caution. Use it for brainstorming and outlines. It's an iterative process. Always remember that it is not considered original.

My name is Dr. Bjorn Mercer. Thank you for watching this review of the Generative AI policy.