

AI Policy

At MICA, we prioritize creative expression, discovery, innovation, and experimentation and embrace the transformative power of new tools and technologies. Developing unique ideas, processes, and expressions is central to the MICA student experience. As such, AI should be used as a tool to expand, explore, and learn from—not used as a means to imitate or abbreviate educational and artistic experiences.

Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) is evolving rapidly. The guidelines for using AI tools at MICA will vary depending on the course or context. However, some foundational policies apply institution-wide:

Plagiarism and AI: Plagiarism is defined as using others' content as your own. Generative AI is software that enables a computer to generate content. Use of content generated by various software platforms requires an approach based on ethical foundations. As such, using any kind of generative AI software to create visual or written work without citing the source or listing the prompts used, is plagiarism and is not allowed at MICA. (See the libguide links below for instructions on how to cite the use of AI properly.)

Course-specific guidelines: Academic programs and individual faculty are encouraged and empowered to set their own guidelines to encourage the use, exploration, or limitation of AI to support the learning objectives specific to their program, course, or assignment.

Consultation Requirement: Students must consult their instructors before integrating generative AI tools into their coursework to ensure alignment with course goals and ethical standards.

Critical Engagement: Students and faculty are urged to critically assess AI's potential to propagate misinformation, amplify biases, and infringe privacy and intellectual property rights.

Your Responsibility: When the use of AI is permitted, students must ensure the content generated by AI does not violate intellectual property rights or misrepresent information and is not presented as wholly original work.

By adhering to these guidelines, we can harness AI's potential responsibly and innovatively, ensuring it enhances our rich tradition of creative exploration.

Suggested Resources:

[How to Cite AI - Generative Artificial Intelligence - LibGuides at University of California San Diego](#)

[How to cite ChatGPT](#)

[Citation, Documentation of Sources](#)

[Citation and Attribution - Generative Artificial Intelligence - Library Guides at Brown University](#)

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