

Citing Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) in Coursework

Using Generative AI

- IIRP faculty determine if, when, and how GAI may be used in their courses.
- Regardless of the format (text, image, slide deck, video, etc.), content created or significantly influenced by GAI must be cited, just like any other reference material that impacts your assignment submission.
- Failure to appropriately cite GAI violates [the IIRP Academic Integrity policy](#).

GAI Must Be Cited If:

- The GAI tool's response to a prompt is copied into your submission.
- The GAI tool produces a response or citation that influences the meaning or scope of your paper or other submission – even if the GAI response is not directly copied into your submission.
 - If the GAI tool references someone else's work, you also need to cite the original material if incorporating those ideas.
- You use GAI to proofread or polish your work and the GAI's revision to the paper/project changes the meaning of the content, so that an idea or approach isn't entirely your own.

GAI Is Not Cited If:

- You use GAI to brainstorm ideas for topics; create an outline for a paper, video, or other submission; develop an approach for a research project; etc.
 - If you were to discuss such ideas with another person, you wouldn't cite those conversations. Therefore, such citation is not required if you use GAI as a “thought partner” in a similar fashion.
- You write a paper and use ChatGPT or other GAI to proofread for spelling, grammar, flow, vocabulary, etc.
 - In this example, GAI might help to make the writing or other content more coherent or succinct; but the underlying ideas, content, and work are still your own.

Please see the next page for how to cite GAI.

How to Cite GAI

Type of Citation	APA Example
Basic Citation Format	Tool Name. (Year). Description of how the AI was used. URL
Text Generation (Example: ChatGPT)	OpenAI. (2025). <i>ChatGPT</i> [AI large language model]. https://www.openai.com/chatgpt
In-Text Citation	(OpenAI, 2025)
Narrative Citation	OpenAI (2025) assisted in drafting the introduction for the essay about restorative practices in local government.
Presentation Design (Example: Canva AI)	Canva. (2025). <i>Canva AI</i> [AI design tool]. https://www.canva.com
In-Text Citation	(Canva, 2025)
Narrative Citation	Canva (2025) assisted in designing slides about using restorative practices in an elementary classroom setting.
Image Generation (Example: DALL-E)	OpenAI. (2025). <i>DALL-E 3</i> [AI text-to-image model]. https://www.openai.com/dall-e
In-Text Citation	(OpenAI, 2025)
Narrative Citation	OpenAI (2025) created illustrative images for the presentation about the range of responsive restorative processes.
Creative Content (Example: Pictory)	Pictory. (2025). Pictory [AI video generation tool]. https://www.pictory.ai
In-Text Citation	(Pictory, 2025)
Narrative Citation	Pictory (2025) generated the video summary about the use of restorative justice in cases of violent crime.
Data Analysis (Example: IBM Watson)	IBM. (2025). <i>IBM Watson</i> [AI data analysis tool]. https://www.ibm.com/watson
In-Text Citation	(IBM, 2025)
Narrative Citation	IBM (2025) analyzed research data about teacher satisfaction with restorative circles in United States public high schools.