



William & Mary Law School Default Generative AI Policy

Generative AI is software that can perform advanced processing of text at skill levels that at least appear similar to a human's. Examples of Generative AI include but are not limited to, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google Gemini, Lexis +AI, and Westlaw (Practical Law) AI.

The Law School has adopted the following default rule, which enables some uses of Generative AI but also prohibits other uses.

The class of Generative AI software:

1. May not be used to compose (write, draft, outline, etc.) any portion of a submitted assignment.

Generative AI may be used to perform research in ways similar to search engines such as Google, for correction of grammar, and for other functions attendant to completing an assignment. The functions included in common word processing software are allowed. This includes spelling and grammar correction and auto-word complete functions of Microsoft Word, Google Docs, and Grammarly (but not Grammarly's generative AI function).

2. May not be used during a student's exam.

A student may use study materials prepared by Generative AI.

The functions included in common word processing software are allowed. This includes spelling and grammar correction and auto-word complete functions of Microsoft Word, Google Docs, and Grammarly (but not Grammarly's generative AI function). However, exam software such as Exam4 may not allow some of these functions.

Instructors have discretion to deviate from the default rule, provided that they do so in writing and with appropriate notice.