Student Decision Tree To Use ChatGPT (or other generative AI tools) to Complete Course Work

Is it appropriate to use ChatGPT in this course?

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Yes — *Don't Know* — *No*

Review your instructor's guidance before using the tool.

My instructor has indicated ChatGPT is not permitted in any way.

Review your course Syllabus or ask your instructor about appropriate use.

Does it matter if the output is accurate?

Don't use the tool!

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Yes — *No*

Consider using ChatGPT as per your instructor's guidelines, recognizing the limitations and biases that may be presented in the output.

Do you have the expertise to verify the accuracy of the output?

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Yes — *No*

Proceed with the understanding that you are responsible for adhering to the university's academic integrity regulations and citation guidelines for academic work. Check the Library citation style guides for advice on how to cite ChatGPT outputs.

Reconsider using this tool. As of August 2023, ChatGPT is trained based on content shared on the web prior to 2021 and also uses other generated outputs in its responses. This training can cause "hallucinations," meaning inaccurate information is presented as correct. For example, ChatGPT formulates citations based on fake sources.