

APSU Writing Center

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- This handout explains how the Writing Center supports academic writing in a time when artificial intelligence (AI) tools are becoming part of everyday learning.

Challenges

- **Ethical Use Uncertainty**
 - Many students aren't sure when or how it's appropriate to use AI tools in their courses.
- **Loss of Writing as a Thinking Process**
 - If students rely too much on AI, they miss valuable chances to build their own voice, style, and understanding of complex topics.
- **Generational Shift**
 - Undergraduate students may never have experienced school without AI. They still need guidance to strengthen their writing and thinking skills.
- **AI Output Quality**
 - AI tools can sometimes produce inaccurate or poorly sourced information. Students may not always know how to evaluate or verify the facts.
- **Faculty Expectations Vary**
 - Different instructors may outline different rules for AI usage in their syllabi. This can leave students confused about what is acceptable in their courses.



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Mission

- Writing Centers empower students to develop the writing skills essential for effective communication. We support students in strengthening their own voices and work to ensure that writing remains a tool for learning, reflection, and scholarly engagement.

Priorities

- Helping students understand and follow university rules on using AI tools.
- Emphasizing writing as a way to develop a writing voice and identity.
- Teaching how to use AI ethically and effectively.
- Reinforcing genre, audience, purpose, and writing style.
- Collaborating with faculty to align writing support with course expectations.

Vision

- The APSU Writing Center envisions an inclusive, welcoming environment where students can:
 - **Receive Tailored Support**
 - Get tailored support to their course or major through campus partnerships.
 - **Engage in Meaningful Conversations**
 - Have meaningful conversations with peers, tutors, and faculty about writing, communication, and the responsible use of Gen AI.



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