

IOB Artificial Intelligence Education Policy

Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools such as ChatGPT, Co-Pilot and many others are here to stay. You are encouraged to explore and utilise them, just as you would explore and utilise any other tools available to you to help access and structure your thinking. They can be an excellent way to surface materials, ideas and sources of information.

You should note, however, that the ethical principles from original work have not changed, nor have the rules around academic integrity (plagiarism), which are fundamentally that you should not pass off the work of others (including chatbots) as your own. Text generated by AI tools is regarded as plagiarised unless the sources are fully cited.

- In their current form, the AI engines are impressive on the surface, but it is clear that the more effort you put into asking them really good questions, the better the responses generated will be. Learning to ask the right question is a skill that will differentiate you in the market, as well as your ability to synthesise such information with your own knowledge experience and reflective insight to add value to the task at hand.
- Don't blindly assume that responses from a chatbot are correct. Many are not, so it's important to check the veracity of statements, and as always, include the full source citation of any statement or quotation (whether directly quoted or paraphrased) from external publication.

Some module coordinators will allow you to use AI in the preparation of your assignments, and if they do you must include a section in your introduction or early in your submission explaining what you used AI for, the prompts you used to surface your results, and any other reference to AI utilised to support your learning. It is important you discuss this with your module coordinator regarding the assessment for your module to see if using AI is acceptable to them. Please also refer to IOB's Academic Integrity policy available on www.iob.ie.

Failure to do this will be regarded as a violation of the academic integrity rules already in existence, and will be penalised accordingly.