

## **General Guidelines for Using GenAI in This Reading Program**

- Do not write any line of your code at first. Focus on understanding the problem and practice how to ask GenAI for help using clear, well-structured questions.
- Reading materials are essential. Please read all assigned materials carefully and completely before asking questions or using GenAI.
- Ask conceptual questions before technical ones. Start with “Why does this work?” or “What is the idea behind...” instead of “Give me the solution.”
- Be specific and precise in your prompts. Clearly describe what you understand, what you do not, and what you are trying to achieve.
- Use GenAI as a learning assistant, not a shortcut. Its role is to support your reasoning, not replace it.
- Make sure you understand every line of the code you use. If you cannot explain what a line does and why it is needed, you should revisit it before moving on.
- Always verify answers. Cross-check GenAI responses with lecture notes, textbooks, or reliable references.
- Reflect on the output. After receiving help, summarize in your own words what you learned and how it connects to the reading.