how to ignore unwanted files using git ignore

Step 1: Create a .gitignore file

In your project root, create a file named exactly .gitignore (no extension).

Step 2: Add file/directory patterns to ignore

Inside .gitignore, write patterns for the files you don't want Git to track.

Step 3: Save and commit .gitignore

You need to commit the .gitignore file itself so others using the repo also ignore those files.

Step 4: Remove already-tracked files (if needed)

If you add something to .gitignore **after** Git has already been tracking it, it won't be ignored automatically.
You must remove it from tracking.

Step 5: Push changes (optional).