

# GenAI Principles for the 23/24 Academic Year

## (Final Year Projects & Dissertations)

1. All use of GenAI tools must adhere to the college guidelines as outlined here - [academic integrity](#)<sup>1</sup>.
2. The underlying principle of permissible use of GenAI is that the main intellectual content of the work must be done by the student but GenAI can be used in a *supporting role*.
3. Within those guidelines any use made of GenAI tools in the preparation of dissertations and reports should be discussed with the supervisor and explicitly acknowledged as per points 4 and 5.
4. If GenAI is used within the work itself it should be documented in the methods, or other appropriate, section of the dissertation.
5. A declaration must be included in the preamble of the dissertation, or report, clearly stating if GenAI was used in any aspect of the work. If this was as part of the core intellectual work, it should be described as per point 4 above. If it was used in the preparation of the written document (or any other multimedia format being submitted) then that should be described in an appendix, in sufficient detail to allow the reader to assess its use and should include the main prompts used.
6. Regardless of the declaration, as part of the marking process, markers may require students to complete an oral exam to ensure that work submitted by the student is their own work and that it evidences their attainment of the learning outcomes of the work.
7. These principles to be reviewed for the 2024-25 and subsequent academic years.

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<sup>1</sup> Academic Affairs, Trinity Teaching and Learning, "Academic Integrity", <https://www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/academic-affairs/academic-integrity/>