

Usage of Generative AI at APU

Dear APU students,

It has been about a month since the start of the spring semester in 2023. I hope every APU student is having a fruitful university life here at APU.

I believe that the new students who entered this year had high expectations for their university life at APU, having spent most of their high school days in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. As for the students who are in their second year or above, they entered APU with expectations of a lively university life in its multicultural environment, but due to the pandemic, they have not been able to engage in active exchange on campus, and various programs such as overseas study have been canceled. There are many who have not been able to live the university life they imagined.

APU has opened a new college in 2023, the "College of Sustainability and Tourism," for the first time since its founding, and has positioned 2023 as the "New APU" year and made a new start. I would like each student who will continue to study at APU from now on to revisit their reasons for enrolling, goals, and future dreams, and consider how to spend this "New APU" year.

As you all know, OpenAI's ChatGPT has been released and the number of users has already exceeded 100 million. There have also been reports that more than 15% of students at Stanford University in the United States are already using ChatGPT, and some APU students may have used it as well. The progress of AI technology, such as represented by ChatGPT, is remarkable, and there is no doubt that various AI technologies will continue to spread in our daily lives.

AI can perform various activities that humans have been doing more quickly and accurately, making it possible for us to perform more advanced and intellectual activities efficiently. It is easy to imagine that AI technology will continue to develop rapidly in the future society. It is expected that various organizations around the world will explore and pursue more effective ways to utilize AI.

At the same time, there are concerns that the utilization of AI technology may have negative impacts. For example, AI cannot judge whether the information contained in the generated text is accurate. There is a risk that text generated by generative AI may contain incorrect

information and lead to the formation of false knowledge.

In addition, the information input (transmitted) to generative AI may be accumulated and learned, and may also be extracted and used by others. It is extremely dangerous to input personal information, highly confidential information, research data, etc.

In order to appropriately utilize AI, users must possess a high sense of ethics and literacy. As a university, we will continue to implement measures so that APU students will acquire the necessary ethics and literacy. At the same time, we ask that all APU students reconfirm their reasons for entering APU, their future dreams and goals, and what kind of individuals they want to become upon graduating from APU, and to carefully consider the use of AI in their university life from now on.

Please also note that there are differences in the appropriate use of AI depending on each academic field. If there are instructions regarding the use of AI in class, please follow the instructions of each faculty.

In addition, using answers generated by AI for exams, report assignments, and other tasks as-is may not only lead to copyright infringement issues, but also does not contribute to your own learning and growth.

We hope that all students will have a fulfilling university life at APU, which has welcomed its "New APU."

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