Generative AI Policy of Professor David Hitchcock

This course assumes that work submitted for a grade by students will be generated by the students themselves, working individually or in groups as directed by class assignment instructions. This policy indicates the following constitute violations of academic honesty: a student has another person/entity do the work of any substantive portion of a graded assignment for them, which includes purchasing work from a company, hiring a person or company to complete an assignment or exam, and/or using generative AI tools (such as ChatGPT).

To ensure all students have an equal opportunity to succeed and to preserve the integrity of the course, students are not permitted to submit text that is generated by artificial intelligence (AI) systems such as ChatGPT, Bing Chat, Claude, Google Bard, or any other automated assistance for any classwork or assessments. This includes using AI to generate answers to assignments, exams, or projects, or using AI to complete any other course-related tasks. Using AI in this way undermines your ability to develop critical thinking, writing, or research skills that are essential for this course and your academic success. Students may use Al only as a tool to suggest sources that the student can research or as a grammar checker, but any text that is submitted must be written by the student. Students should also be aware of the potential benefits and limitations of using AI as a tool for learning and research. Al systems can provide helpful information or suggestions, but they are not always reliable or accurate. Students should critically evaluate the sources, methods, and outputs of AI systems. Violations of this policy will be treated as academic misconduct. If you have any questions about this policy or if you are unsure whether a particular use of AI is acceptable, please do not hesitate to ask for clarification.

NOTE: For any take-home assignment (take-home exam or project, and potentially homework), I reserve the right to ask you oral questions about the work you have turned in to further check your understanding of what you have submitted. In cases where it appears that AI was used to complete an assignment or write a report, before assigning a grade, I will meet the student one-on-one to ask oral questions about their work to check their understanding of the details of what they have turned in, and how they answer these oral questions will affect their grade on the assignment.