

Faculty Colleagues,

The email below was sent to all Villanova (credit) students this morning. Happy start of the semester.

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Dear Villanova Students,

Happy New Year! I hope your break was restful, rejuvenating, and enjoyable. As we gear up for the spring semester, I want to share some important information about artificial intelligence (A.I.). This is a rapidly evolving technology that is becoming increasingly relevant in education and beyond.

It is important to remember that A.I. is a tool, and, like any tool, how you use it determines the impact it – and you – will have. There are cases where A.I. has created exceptional efficiencies and those where it has created exceptional difficulties. As a Villanova student, you are part of a community that commits to active engagement, critical thinking, life-long learning and moral reflection. We encourage you to consider this with your use of A.I.

When it comes to your academic experience at Villanova, your professors determine if and when generative A.I. can be used for graded assignments in their courses. If you are unsure about their expectations, ask for clarification and review the [Villanova Code of Academic Integrity](#). The Code specifically prohibits using A.I. text generators to fulfill essential requirements of an assignment—such as reading, synthesizing, interpreting, writing, coding, or programming—without both explicit instructor permission and proper attribution and citation of any A.I.-assisted components. Students who violate the Code are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. Inappropriate use of A.I. for course work undermines the purpose of your education and will have negative consequences for your long-term career success.

To deepen your understanding of A.I., consider enrolling in this free [LinkedIn Learning Course on Career Essentials in Generative A.I.](#) Completing the course earns you a badge for your LinkedIn profile, which can be an appealing asset to potential employers.

Additionally, all Villanova students have free access to [Microsoft Copilot](#) in a secure and private environment. Simply use single sign-on to get started. Faculty may also require the use of other tools or software subscriptions for their courses, so be sure to familiarize yourself with their requirements. As always, use all tools ethically and responsibly as employers value these skills as much as technical proficiency.

Best of luck this semester! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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