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Dear faculty, staff, and students,

Use of Generative AI (ChatGPT, etc.) in Classes, etc.

The following is the university's current policy on the use of generative AI such as ChatGPT in classes, etc.

1. In Classes

    Students must follow the instructions of the instructor in charge of the class regarding whether, how, and to what extent the generative AI may be used in class exercises and pre/post-class learning activities (including assignments). Please note that if any use of generative AI beyond the method or scope of use instructed is found, the class instructor may, at their discretion, reject the assignment or other deliverables as invalid.

    Faculty members must clearly indicate to the students in advance whether or not the use of the generative AI is permitted if there is a possibility that it will be used in class or for pre/post-class learning. When multiple instructors are in charge of the same course, the policy should be uniform within the course. When allowing the use of generative AI, the faculty members should inform students of the precautions against copyright infringement, the leakage of personal information, etc., and present specific instructions on appropriate use and the scope of permitted use to the students.

    Please note that this policy also applies to the Graduation Theses and Thesis Research Courses (Master's Theses), which are also classes.

2. In Examinations

    The use of the generative AI for examinations (both regular examinations and non-regular examinations) stipulated in Article 8 of the University Regulation on the Completion of University of Aizu Studies is not permitted without the prior permission of the instructor. If it is confirmed that a student has used generative AI without the permission of the instructor, it will be regarded as an academic dishonesty stipulated in Article 8, Paragraph 4 of the aforementioned regulation, and will be dealt with strictly.

    When an instructor in charge permits the use of generative AI in examinations, the instructor must inform students in advance through a method that can be confirmed after the fact by a third party (e.g., stated on handouts or in an announcement in the Academic Administration System or LMS) so that questions about academic dishonesty will not arise after the examination.

3. Other

    The University will continue to consider the use of generative AI in education
    and research, and will revise the above policy as appropriate.

President of the University of Aizu